



# THE BOARD of SUPERVISORS

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

2 The Board did not meet in closed session March 3, 2004]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO WELCOME ALL YOU AND ASK YOU ALL  
7 TO PLEASE RISE, TO REMAIN STANDING. WE'LL BE LED IN THE  
8 INVOCATION BY PASTOR ROBERT ANDRADE, OSBORNE NEIGHBORHOOD  
9 CHURCH IN ARLETA, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY  
10 THOMAS MABSON, MEMBER, LOS ANGELES CHAPTER NO. 5 DISABLED  
11 AMERICAN VETERANS. PASTOR?

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13 **PASTOR ROBERT ANDRADE:** WOULD YOU PLEASE BOW YOUR HEADS IN  
14 PRAYER. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU FROM THIS PLACE OF  
15 BUSINESS AND CALL UPON YOU FOR DIRECTION AND WISDOM. MAY YOUR  
16 WAYS BE DONE HERE IN THIS ROOM. MAY THE AGENDA OF DISCUSSION  
17 BE ALIGNED WITH YOUR WILL. MAY EACH PERSON HERE TODAY QUESTION  
18 THEIR IMPORTANCE IN COMPARISON TO YOURS AS DECISIONS ARE MADE.  
19 HEAVENLY FATHER, I NOW ASK YOU TO USE OUR SELFLESS LEADERS TO  
20 CARRY OUT YOUR DESIGN FOR THIS LAND. MAY YOUR WISDOM BE CALLED  
21 UPON IN THE WHISPERS OF EACH MIND AS EACH TOPIC IS DISCUSSED.  
22 FATHER, IT WAS YOU WHO CREATED THE INTRICATE DETAILS OF THIS  
23 WORLD. IT WAS YOU WHO DESIGNED THE INNERMOST PARTS OF OUR  
24 BODIES. IT MAY BE YOU WHO GUIDE THE DECISIONS OF THIS MEETING.  
25 MY LORD, I ASK FOR YOUR FAVOR ON THE LEADERS OF THIS CITY. MAY





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1 YOU BLESS OUR MAYOR AND THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MAY YOU  
2 BLESS YOUR FAMILIES WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND PROTECTION. MY GOD,  
3 I THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THIS LAND TO MANAGE. MAY YOU BLESS  
4 THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND. MAY THE PRESENCE OF YOUR SPIRIT AND  
5 THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART BE KNOWN. MAY WE THE PEOPLE BOW OUR  
6 SELFISH AMBITIONS TO YOUR DESIGN FOR OUR LAND. MAY WE REALIZE  
7 THE CONSEQUENCES OF POOR DECISIONS AS WE REACH FOR YOUR  
8 WISDOM. THANK YOU, LORD, FOR OUR WONDERFUL CITY AND THANK YOU,  
9 LORD, FOR THE HANDPICKING OF OUR LEADERS THAT STAND BEFORE ME.  
10 BLESS THEM RICHLY, FATHER, AND I PRAY THESE THINGS IN THE NAME  
11 OF OUR LORD. AMEN.

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13 **THOMAS MABSON:** FACE THE FLAG. JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF  
14 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN ASK PASTOR BOB TO  
19 COME OVER HERE FOR A SECOND, I CAN MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. MR.  
20 CHAIRMAN, PASTOR BOB ANDRADE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MINISTRY FOR  
21 20 YEARS. 10 OF THOSE YEARS HAVE BEEN IN OUR COMMUNITY AT  
22 OSBORNE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH WHERE HE IS THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
23 AND DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES. HE'S A GRADUATE OF LIFE  
24 BIBLE, WHERE HE EARNED AND RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN  
25 BIBLICAL STUDIES. HIS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES HAVE TAKEN HIM



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1 THROUGHOUT MEXICO, GUATEMALA, BRAZIL, AND ALL ACROSS THE  
2 UNITED STATES. HE HAS TAKEN A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND DRUG  
3 PREVENTION THROUGH OUR JUVENILE HALLS, PRISONS AND PUBLIC  
4 SCHOOLS HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND ELSEWHERE. PASTOR BOB IS  
5 MARRIED AND HE HAS THREE CHILDREN AND HE'S A GREAT SERVANT IN  
6 HIS OWN RIGHT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
7 INVOCATION AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE].

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9 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL WAIT FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE.  
10 SHE'LL BE HERE IN JUST A SECOND, OKAY? ALL RIGHT. HERE SHE IS.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE AS OUR  
13 PLEDGE VETERAN, THOMAS MABSON, AND HE IS FROM THE LOS ANGELES  
14 CHAPTER NO. 5 OF DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE'S THE PAST  
15 COMMANDER. HE SERVED IN THE MILITARY FROM '61 TO '65, PRIVATE  
16 FIRST CLASS U.S. ARMY 49TH SIGNAL DETACHMENT, 2ND U.S. ARMY.  
17 HE IS WITH BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND  
18 VETERANS AFFAIRS. HE'S EVENTS CHAIRMAN, MARRIED WITH THREE  
19 CHILDREN. HE'S LIVED IN THE DISTRICT 30 YEARS. THANK YOU FOR  
20 BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE AGENDA.  
23 WE HAVE FOUR MEMBERS, THE FIFTH WILL BE JOINING US.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
2 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 3.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE...

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIRMAN. ON CS-7,  
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 6, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1  
12 THROUGH 11, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBERS 6  
13 AND 7, THE RECOMMENDED FEE AMOUNT SHOULD BE \$17 INSTEAD OF  
14 \$16. ON ITEM NUMBER 9, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, AND  
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL HOLD IT AND THEN WE'LL TALK  
18 ABOUT THE CONTINUANCE.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT. ON NUMBER 11, SUPERVISOR  
21 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. THE REST ARE  
22 BEFORE YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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1   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM NUMBER 12.  
2   MOTION, WHO MADE THE MOTION? THE MOTION-- I DIDN'T-- WE NEED A  
3   MOTION ON...

4

5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON THE REMAINING ITEMS?

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7   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, ON THE REMAINING ITEMS.

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9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, EXCUSE ME, WE  
10   CONTINUE ITEM NUMBER 11 ONE WEEK, HOLD THE OTHER ONE FOR  
11   DISCUSSION, AND ALSO TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
12   MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
13   SO ORDERED.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD YOU JUST GO OVER THAT  
16   AGAIN. 11 WILL GO OVER ONE WEEK?

17

18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, YOUR REQUEST ON 11 OVER ONE WEEK. ON  
19   NUMBER 9, I HAD REQUESTED A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. THERE ARE  
20   SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO HOLD IT AND  
21   DISCUSS IT. THEN, YOU KNOW, YOU AND I TALKED, AND MIKE HAD  
22   GONE THE OTHER WAY IN TELLING HIS PEOPLE IT'D BE TWO WEEKS SO  
23   THEY MAY WANT TO TESTIFY AND THEN WE CAN CONTINUE IT TWO WEEKS  
24   BUT WE'LL WORK THAT OUT.

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1     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

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3     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. OKAY. BEACHES AND HARBORS.

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5     **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM  
6     NUMBER 12.

7

8     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, CHAIR WILL  
9     SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS. ON ITEM NUMBER 13,  
12    HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, ITEM  
13    14.

14

15    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
16    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 15.

19

20    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
21    SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM  
24    16.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. CHAIR WILL  
2   SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEM 17.

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
7   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 18, HOLD FOR  
10   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

11

12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

13

14   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 19 THROUGH 21. ON  
15   ITEM NUMBER 19, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE  
16   REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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20   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ITEM 20 AND 21 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
23   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24

25   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ITEMS 22 AND 23.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR  
3 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION. ON ITEM 24, THE  
6 DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 25 THROUGH 40. ON  
11 ITEM NUMBER 25, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER  
12 OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 38, THE THIRD PROJECT DOWN, THE  
13 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD AT DAVID WAY, ET. AL., CITY OF SANTA  
14 CLARITA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IS ASKING FOR A ONE-WEEK  
15 CONTINUANCE ON THAT PORTION ONLY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS, THE CHAIR  
22 WILL MOVE IT, SUPERVISOR BURKE WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
23 SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 41 THROUGH 44. ON ITEM  
2 NUMBER 42, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK  
3 CONTINUANCE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN THE REMAINDER ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR  
10 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, 45 AND 46.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION, ITEM 47.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
20 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON 48 IS AN  
23 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.60 OF TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION OF  
24 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO COMMUNITY  
25 REDEVELOPMENT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, CHAIR WILL  
3 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 49.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
8 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS. ON ITEM 50 -- IT'S 50  
11 AND 51. ON ITEM 50, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON ITEM 51, HOLD FOR REPORT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
21 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
22 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
23 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
24 52-A.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, CHAIR WILL  
2   SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 52-B.

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
7   SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
10   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
11   DISTRICT NO. 4.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET ME BEGIN, BEFORE MY  
14   PRESENTATIONS. FIRST, WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER OF OUR COUNCIL  
15   CORPS THAT WE'D LIKE TO INVITE UP, AND, SECONDLY, TO  
16   CONGRATULATE MY COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR  
17   ANTONOVICH, ON THEIR RE-ELECTION AND... [APPLAUSE]

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHAIR.

20

21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I THOUGHT ZEV WANTED  
22   TO CONGRATULATE ME. I GUESS NOT. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

23

24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE WELCOMING  
25   TODAY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY THE NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF PERU,



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1 THE HONORABLE LILIANA CINO. CONSUL-GENERAL CINO BEGAN HER  
2 UNIVERSITY EDUCATION WITH A YEAR OF MEDICAL SCHOOL IN GENOA,  
3 ITALY, BEFORE RETURNING TO PERU, WHERE SHE CHANGED HER FOCUS.  
4 SHE EARNED... IF WE COULD JUST HAVE YOUR ATTENTION OVER HERE.  
5 SHE EARNED HER TWO BACHELOR'S DEGREES AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY  
6 IN LIMA, ONE IN HUMANITIES AND THE OTHER IN INTERNATIONAL  
7 RELATIONS. SHE THEN WENT TO MEXICO CITY, WHERE SHE EARNED A  
8 MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE EBIRO AMERICAN  
9 UNIVERSITY. CONSUL-GENERAL CINO ALSO RECEIVED A GRADUATE  
10 DEGREE FROM THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF PERU. INTERSPERSED WITH  
11 ASSIGNMENTS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN LIMA WERE OVERSEAS  
12 POSTINGS IN AUSTRIA, IN MEXICO CITY, WHERE SHE WAS CONSUL-  
13 GENERAL, AND MINISTER COUNSELOR IN THE PERUVIAN INDUSTRY. SHE  
14 HAS REPRESENTED HER GOVERNMENT AT NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL  
15 CONFERENCES, ACCOMPANIED THE PRESIDENT OF PERU ON THEIR VISITS  
16 TO EGYPT, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NORTHERN IRELAND, COLOMBIA,  
17 CANADA, PORTUGAL, AND THE UNITED NATIONS. PRIOR TO COMING TO  
18 LOS ANGELES, SHE SERVED AS PERU'S AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK. IN  
19 ADDITION, CONSUL-GENERAL CINO SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH,  
20 PORTUGUESE, ITALIAN, AND SPANISH FLUENTLY. SHE HAS A BASIC  
21 KNOWLEDGE OF SWEDISH, GERMAN, RUSSIAN, AND JAPANESE. TO TOP IT  
22 OFF, SHE IS ALSO A WORLD-RENOWNED CONCERT PIANIST AND HAS  
23 PERFORMED ALL OVER THE WORLD. JOINING HER IN LOS ANGELES IS  
24 HER HUSBAND, GUSTAVO, WHO IS A RETIRED AMBASSADOR, HER  
25 DAUGHTER AND, OF COURSE, HER TWO PIANOS. SO, CONSUL-GENERAL,



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1 WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU THIS PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF  
2 YOUR POSTING TO FORMALLY WELCOME TO OUR GREAT COUNTY AND TO  
3 ALL THE CITIZENS OUT THERE, TO ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE  
4 THE SECOND LARGEST CONSULAR CORPS OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.  
5 POSTED RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO CONSUL-GENERAL  
6 CINO, WELCOME. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **CONSUL-GENERAL CINO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
9 KIND WORDS. IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY, TO HAVE  
10 THIS PLAQUE WHICH I WILL HAVE NOT ONLY CLOSE TO MY HEART, BUT  
11 WITH A PLEDGE THAT I WILL DO MY BEST TO STRENGTHEN MORE  
12 RELATIONS BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE NOT  
13 ONLY TO DEAL WITH MY LARGE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO TO INCREASE THE  
14 RELATIONS WITH LOS ANGELES IN THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SIDE.  
15 LOS ANGELES IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE. I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE,  
16 VERY HAPPY TO SEE THE SUN COME OUT EVERY DAY. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

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18 **CONSUL-GENERAL CINO:** AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT TO SEE THAT IT'S  
19 TRUE WHAT MANY OF MY COUNTRYMEN HAVE FOUND, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE  
20 A LARGE COMMUNITY HERE, THAT IT IS NOT ONLY A BEAUTIFUL PLACE,  
21 BUT IT IS IN REALITY THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO  
22 WANT TO WORK AND MAKE A FUTURE. THANK YOU IN THEIR NAME. THANK  
23 YOU VERY MUCH FOR TODAY. [APPLAUSE] . >SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:  
24 TODAY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF  
25 MARCH AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,



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1 JOINING STATE AND NATIONAL GROUPS IN RECOGNIZING THE  
2 IMPORTANCE OF DANCE, MUSIC, THEATER, AND THE VISUAL ARTS TO A  
3 COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS. IN SUPPORT OF ARTS  
4 EDUCATION MONTH, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND I ARE PLEASED TO  
5 ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMMITMENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS  
6 COMMISSION, OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, THE  
7 CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS EDUCATION AND THE  
8 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FOUNDATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN  
9 ATTEMPTING TO RESTORE ARTS EDUCATION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
10 SCHOOLS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTS FOR ALL, LOS  
11 ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL BLUEPRINT FOR ARTS EDUCATION. I  
12 RECENTLY HAD THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING THE BLUEPRINT'S FIRST  
13 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY AND WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE  
14 ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE FIRST 18 MONTHS OF  
15 IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING THE LAUNCH OF WWW.LAARTSED.ORG, THE  
16 COUNTY'S FIRST EVER ONLINE ARTS EDUCATION RESOURCE DIRECTORY,  
17 AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE NOT ONLY THOSE SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE  
18 BUT ON TELEVISION OUT THERE, TO LOOK THAT UP. IT'S AN  
19 INCREDIBLE PROGRAM. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTS FOR ALL IS  
20 BEING SPEARHEADED BY OUR COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION, LOS ANGELES  
21 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. I'M GOING TO ASK LAURA ZUCKER, OUR  
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ARTS COMMISSION AND DR. DARLENE  
23 ROBLIS, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF OUR COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
24 TO STEP FORWARD AND RECEIVE A SCROLL FROM THE BOARD  
25 RECOGNIZING THE JOINT EFFORTS IN COORDINATING, DEVELOPING, AND



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1 IMPLEMENTING THIS MOST IMPORTANT COUNTY INITIATIVE. SO WE ALSO  
2 WANTED TO, JUST LAST THURSDAY, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND I HAD THE  
3 PLEASURE OF BEING IN THIS ROOM FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AND WE  
4 ALSO WANT TO THANK THE ARTS COMMISSION FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN  
5 MAKING THAT SUCCESSFUL AS WELL. LAURA AND DARLENE ARE JOINED  
6 BY MEMBERS OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
7 RIDDELL FREE, MARY ANN O'NEIL, ANGIE PAPADAKOS, AS WELL AS  
8 SOME OF THEIR FELLOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM THE  
9 COUNTY TASK FORCE ON ARTS EDUCATION, MARK SLAFKIN, VICE  
10 PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION AT THE MUSIC CENTER, AND DR. CARL  
11 SLOWKIN, DEAN, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTER, CALIFORNIA STATE  
12 UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES, AND JANICE POBER, SENIOR VICE  
13 PRESIDENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS AT SONY PICTURES WHO WAS A  
14 GREAT PARTNER IN ALL OF THIS. SO WE HAVE THIS SCROLL TO  
15 PRESENT TO YOU AND THEN I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR BURKE HAS SOME  
16 COMMENTS.

17  
18 **SUP. BURKE:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'RE ALSO JOINED TODAY BY  
19 ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TASK FORCE ON  
20 ARTS EDUCATION. THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION,  
21 WHICH IS ONE OF THE COUNTY'S KEY LEADERSHIP PARTNERS FOR THE  
22 IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTS FOR ALL. FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS,  
23 C.A.A.E. HAS ADVOCATED FOR ARTS EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS  
24 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. DURING THE LAST 18 MONTHS, UNDER THE  
25 LEADERSHIP OF LORRI SCHNELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF C.A.A.E.,





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1 HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO FIVE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO  
2 HELP THEM PLAN FOR ARTS EDUCATION. CULVER CITY, NORWALK, LA  
3 MIRADA, SANTA MONICA/MALIBU, PASADENA, AND ROSEMEAD SCHOOL  
4 DISTRICTS ARE ALL WORKING WITH A COACH TO HELP THEM ASSESS  
5 ARTS EDUCATION IN THEIR DISTRICT AND TO WRITE AND ADOPT AN  
6 ARTS EDUCATION POLICY AS WELL AS A LONG-RANGE BUDGET PLAN. ALL  
7 ARE KEY STRATEGIES IN ARTS FOR ALL AND THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF  
8 A COMPLETE EDUCATION IN THE ARTS. I'M VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT  
9 THIS SCROLL TO LORRI SCHNELL, APPLAUDING HER LEADERSHIP IN  
10 ENSURING THAT ARTS WILL BE A VITAL AND INDISPENSABLE PART OF A  
11 COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION OF EVERY STUDENT IN LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS IS A REGIONAL PLAN FOR  
15 ARTS EDUCATION. THE ARTS COMMISSION IS PROVIDING SOME  
16 CONNECTIVE TISSUE, BUT IT'S REALLY HAPPENING BECAUSE OF THE 35  
17 LEADERSHIP PARTNERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY.  
18 THIS EFFORT TO REINSTATE ARTS EDUCATION IN ALL OF OUR COUNTY  
19 SCHOOLS TAKES A LOT MORE THAN A VILLAGE; IT TAKES ALL OF LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY AND WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF OUR PARTNERS  
21 WHO ARE HERE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MAKING  
24 ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS A PRIORITY. I TRULY WANT TO THANK YOU, ON



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1 BEHALF OF ALL 1.7 MILLION CHILDREN WHO WILL BENEFIT BY THIS  
2 INITIATIVE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT LOS  
5 ANGELES COUNTY THIS MONTH. ARTS EDUCATION CELEBRATIONS ARE  
6 HAPPENING ALL OVER. INDEED, HAPPENING ALL OVER THE STATE. I  
7 WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE SUPPORT OF THIS BODY IN VALUING THE  
8 IMPORTANCE OF ARTS EDUCATION AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE  
9 THE SUPPORT OF SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT IN PARTICULAR IN  
10 FUNDING THIS FIRST ROUND OF THE VANGUARD DISTRICTS. TODAY, I'M  
11 JOINED BY A FELLOW C.A.A.E. BOARD MEMBER, LESLIE JOHNSON.  
12 THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR RECOGNIZING  
13 THAT THE ARTS ARE CORE TO EVERY STUDENT'S EDUCATION.  
14 [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ALSO HAVE ONE OTHER  
17 PRESENTATION IN REGARDS TO OUR MONTH OF ARTS EDUCATION AND  
18 THAT'S THE PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL  
19 DISTRICTS BY THE CALIFORNIA FOR ARTS, ALLIANCE FOR ARTS  
20 EDUCATION AS WELL AS OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BLUEPRINT,  
21 WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE CRITICAL SUPPORT OF FUNDING,  
22 LIKE THE PARTNERS, LIKE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FOUNDATION. THE  
23 E.I.F. UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF ARTS EDUCATION IN  
24 BUILDING A PRODUCTIVE AND CREATIVE WORK FORCE TO MEET THE  
25 NEEDS OF ALL OUR VARIOUS EMPLOYMENT SECTORS, ESPECIALLY THE



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1 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, AND THEY HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT OF  
2 \$500,000 OVER TWO YEARS TO AN ARTS FOR ALL POOL FUND TO  
3 DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BLUEPRINTS. SO I'D LIKE  
4 TO ASK MICHAEL BALAOING, VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS, TO JOIN  
5 ME TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL AND IN THANKING THEM AND, FROM OUR  
6 BOARD, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND WE WANT TO JUST  
7 THANK YOU FOR THAT STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **MICHAEL BALAOING:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
10 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR REELECTION. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO  
11 PARTNERING WITH THE COUNTY AT THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY  
12 FOUNDATION. YOU MIGHT THINK OF ARTS IN TERMS OF EDUCATION, BUT  
13 WE ALSO THINK OF ARTS IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE 200,000  
14 JOBS OFFERED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, BUT IT'S NOT JUST  
15 ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT. WE KNOW THAT THE ARTS IS AN IMPORTANT  
16 PART OF EDUCATION, WHETHER YOU DECIDE TO COME AN ACTOR, THE  
17 GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, OR, IN SOME CASES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SO THANK YOU. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

19 [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU DIDN'T SAY THAT BEFORE THE ELECTION.  
22 THAT'S GOOD. [LAUGHTER]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ANYWAY, WE WANT THANK YOU ALL AND  
25 CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO AND TO OUR BOARD OF



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1 EDUCATION MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO EACH AND EVERY  
2 DAY FOR US. WE APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU ALL, TO ALL OUR  
3 PARTNERS. UPSTAIRS EARLIER, WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SOME  
4 WINNERS, INDIVIDUAL WINNERS WHO WE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO  
5 IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION  
6 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT WAS THE 26TH ANNUAL. TODAY, WE  
7 ALSO HAVE THE TEAMS FROM A COUPLE OF SCHOOLS THAT WE'RE GOING  
8 TO HONOR AS WELL, TOO. HARVARD WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL AND DEXTER  
9 MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR THEIR REMARKABLE SENIOR DIVISION FIRST  
10 PLACE AND JUNIOR DIVISION FIRST PLACE RECOGNITION IN THIS 26TH  
11 ANNUAL COMPETITION. BOTH SCHOOLS SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED AN  
12 OUTSTANDING LEVEL OF STUDENT COLLABORATION IN LEGAL  
13 PROFICIENCY AS SHOWN IN THE COURTROOM ON OUR UNITED STATES  
14 CONSTITUTION; SPECIFICALLY DEALING WITH THE FOURTH AMENDMENT,  
15 WHICH IS SEARCH AND SEIZURE. SO THIS MORNING, MY COLLEAGUES  
16 AND I ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT TO FIRST TEACHER DAVID HIDDEN OF  
17 HARBOR WEST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN TEACHER WENDY ROBINSON  
18 OF DEXTER MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH SCROLLS OF THIS ACADEMIC  
19 PERFORMANCE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THEIR GREAT VICTORIES.  
20 DAVID? [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT! WENDY? ALL RIGHT! DAVID AND  
23 WENDY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING?

24



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1   **WENDY ROBINSON:** I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MY TEAM  
2   MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY UP HERE, SO IF THEY COULD PLEASE  
3   STAND IN THE AUDIENCE AND BE RECOGNIZED, THAT WOULD BE  
4   FABULOUS. [APPLAUSE]

5

6   **WENDY ROBINSON:** MY TEAM IS COMPOSED OF SIXTH, SEVENTH, AND  
7   EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS WHO ARE VERY HIGHLY MOTIVATED, AS YOU  
8   COULD PROBABLY TELL. THEY TOOK ON, AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE ROLES  
9   OF LAWYERS, WITNESSES, BAILIFFS, TIME KEEPERS, COURTROOM  
10   ARTISTS, AND JOURNALISTS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE  
11   SUPPORT OF MY SUPERINTENDENT, DR. CARMELA FRANCO; MY  
12   PRINCIPAL, MR. JAMES DAWSON; AND OUR BOARD MEMBER, MR. KEN  
13   HENDERSON, WHO HAVE ACCOMPANIED US HERE TODAY, AND WE ARE  
14   THRILLED AND PROUD OF THE HONOR THAT IS BEING BESTOWED UPON  
15   US. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

16

17   **DAVID HIDDEN:** I ALSO WOULD LIKE THE REST OF OUR TEAM MEMBERS  
18   TO STAND UP, PLEASE, AND BE RECOGNIZED. [APPLAUSE]

19

20   **DAVID HIDDEN:** THIS IS A WONDERFUL PROGRAM. IT GIVES YOUNG  
21   PEOPLE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN PUBLIC  
22   BETTER THAN I AM, AND TO BIND TOGETHER AS A TEAM, AND I WANT  
23   TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION FOR  
24   MAKING THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE THE SCROLL HERE THIS  
2    MORNING, WE ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE RUNNERS-UP IN THE  
3    JUNIOR DIVISION, WESTLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND RECOGNIZE BARBARA  
4    ANDERSON, SO DO YOU WANT TO STAND? GO AHEAD. STAND UP.

5    [APPLAUSE]

6

7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT! ALSO, WE'RE GOING TO ASK MISS  
8    KATHY GRABER FROM JAMES MONROE HIGH SCHOOL TO COME FORWARD FOR  
9    THE DISTINGUISHED HONOR OF WINNING THE HELEN BERNSTEIN  
10    OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD RECOGNIZED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
11    RIGHTS FOUNDATION. KATHY HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT OF THE  
12    CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION FOR SOME 10 YEARS, AND WHILE  
13    DEMONSTRATING AN OUTSTANDING MOTIVATION IN -- TO HER STUDENTS  
14    AND DEVOTION TO THE PRODUCT. SO WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL  
15    IN CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR HONOR AND TO THANK YOU AS WELL.

16    [APPLAUSE]

17

18    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE MISS GRABER SAYS A WORD  
19    HERE, I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T SAY THAT WE HAVE A  
20    RELATIONSHIP...

21

22    **KATHY GRABER:** OH, ZEV!

23

24    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND FOUR YEARS AGO, SHE WAS, AT MONROE HIGH  
25    SCHOOL, SHE WAS THE COACH, STILL IS THE COACH, BUT SHE WAS MY



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1 SON'S COACH OF THE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM THE YEAR THAT HE WON  
2 THE STATE EXPOSITORY SPEECH CHAMPIONSHIP, AND I WANT TO TELL  
3 YOU, WHAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AND I THINK ALL THE STUDENTS  
4 HERE WILL AGREE, WHAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SCHOOLS  
5 THAT EXCEL IN THIS FIELD AND THE SCHOOLS THAT DON'T ARE THE  
6 TEACHERS AND COACHES WHO GIVE UP SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME AND OF  
7 THEIR HEART AND SOUL FOR THESE KIDS. AND KATHY IS, IN MY BOOK,  
8 NUMBER ONE, AND IT'S A WELL DESERVED HONOR, MAYBE A FEW YEARS  
9 TOO LATE, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, BUT YOU'RE ONE HELL OF A  
10 TEACHER. CONGRATULATIONS.

11

12 **KATHY GRABER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13 [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **KATHY GRABER:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I KNOW OF NO BETTER  
16 PROGRAM TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE THAN THE L.A. COUNTY  
17 MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM. IT IS ABSOLUTELY A SUPERB PROGRAM. I WANT  
18 TO THANK C.R.F. FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK. IT'S TREMENDOUS. IT  
19 DESERVES ALL THE SUPPORT THAT LOS ANGELES CAN GIVE IT. MONROE  
20 IS A TITLE ONE SCHOOL AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN WE'RE IN THE  
21 COURTROOM COMPETING AGAINST, YOU KNOW, THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS,  
22 NOT SAYING THAT HARVARD ISN'T FANTASTIC, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE  
23 MEET THEM ON EQUAL GROUND AND SO, JUST, I LOVE THE PROGRAM.  
24 IT'S A FANTASTIC PROGRAM. MY STUDENTS HAVE BENEFITED FROM IT  
25 TREMENDOUSLY. THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FINALLY, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE  
3 CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION AND FOR THEIR  
4 DEVOTION OVER THE YEARS TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS  
5 AND JUNIOR HIGH AND MIDDLE HIGH STUDENTS. EACH YEAR, THE  
6 FOUNDATION CREATES AND PRODUCES A NEW SET OF MOCK TRIAL  
7 MATERIALS BASED ON AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING AMERICA'S YOUTH.  
8 SO WE'D LIKE TO ASK DIRECTOR LAURA WESLEY, COORDINATOR SYLVIA  
9 ANDRE SANTOS AND ASSISTANT COORDINATOR, BRUCE WILLIAMS, FOR  
10 ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT AND PRESENT THE  
11 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION THIS SCROLL. ARE THEY ALL  
12 HERE? ALL RIGHT! THANK YOU AGAIN. THANK YOU TO ALL THE  
13 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, AND CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S A GREAT  
14 VICTORY. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP LARRY LEICHT.  
17 LARRY HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR SOME 20 YEARS. HE SAW A SAFE  
18 SURRENDER BUMPER STICKER ON ONE OF OUR SHERIFF'S PATROL CARS  
19 AT A PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING THE PROGRAM. HE WAS IMPRESSED  
20 ENOUGH THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING AND, AS  
21 YOU KNOW, THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM IS TO ALLOW MOTHERS WITH  
22 NEWBORNS, INSTEAD OF THROWING THOSE CHILDREN AWAY, TO ALLOW  
23 THEM TO COME TO ONE OF OUR HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY, OUR COUNTY  
24 FACILITIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CENTERS OR FIRE STATIONS AND THE  
25 OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE SIGNED UP. AND THE MOST IMPORTANT PART



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1 OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO GET THE WORD OUT, TO LET THOSE DESPERATE  
2 FOLKS KNOW. AND LARRY, ON HIS OWN, AND, AS YOU KNOW, OUR GOAL  
3 IS TO EDUCATE, BUT LARRY, ON HIS OWN, WAS SO IMPRESSED, HE  
4 DONATED 50 BUS BENCHES TO HELP GET THE WORD OUT, AND SO...

5 [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S OKAY, APPLAUD. ABSOLUTELY. SO IT  
8 GIVES ME A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO NOT ONLY PERSONALLY BUT  
9 ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND ALL THE MOMS OUT THERE AND  
10 THOSE WONDERFUL LIVES THROUGH THE SAFETY OF THAT PROGRAM, TO  
11 PRESENT THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF HIS GREAT CONTRIBUTION  
12 IN HELPING US GET THE WORD OUT ON THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM.  
13 LARRY? [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **LARRY LEICHT:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR THE  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE WORD OUT AND I WANT TO THANK THE L.A.  
17 COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LET ME DO IT.  
18 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FINALLY, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE HAD A  
21 BIG ELECTION HERE IN OUR COUNTY YESTERDAY. AND FOR THOSE OF  
22 YOU OUT THERE WHO MIGHT NOT KNOW, WE HAVE ONE OF THE LARGEST  
23 ELECTORAL SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTRY RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
24 COUNTY, AND CONNY MCCORMACK, OUR REGISTRAR RECORDER, DOES AN  
25 OUTSTANDING JOB, BUT WE HAD A SPECIAL GUEST YESTERDAY TO SORT



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1 OF OBSERVE TO SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING AND HOW WE'RE DOING IT AND  
2 HOW GREAT A JOB WE'RE DOING AND -- ISN'T THAT RIGHT? WITH US  
3 IS REYMUNDO MARTINEZ, WHO WAS NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
4 THE UNITED STATES TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE ELECTIONS  
5 ASSISTANT COMMISSION AND WAS CONFIRMED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE  
6 UNITED STATES SENATE THIS PAST DECEMBER. THE ELECTION  
7 ASSISTANT COMMISSION WAS CREATED UNDER THE HELP AMERICA VOTE  
8 ACT OF 2002 TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING TO  
9 STATES AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION  
10 OF OUR ELECTIONS. HE WAS HERE, AS I SAID, IN HIS OFFICIAL  
11 CAPACITY TO OBSERVE OUR ELECTION AND VOTING PROCESS AND WE  
12 HOPE THAT YOU FOUND YESTERDAY THAT THE WHOLE VOTING PROCESS  
13 WAS VERY FRIENDLY. I KNOW YVONNE, MIKE, AND I DID. BUT,  
14 ANYWAY, WE WANT TO THAT YOU FOR BEING OUT HERE, TO OBSERVE, TO  
15 ASSIST US, AND FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED  
16 STATES OF AMERICA. REYMUNDO, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **REYMUNDO MARTINEZ:** CHAIRMAN KNABE, I APPRECIATE THE  
19 HOSPITALITY SHOWN BY L.A. COUNTY. I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO BE HERE  
20 ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AND MY  
21 FELLOW COMMISSIONERS BACK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I THANK YOU  
22 AGAIN FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AND SIMPLY WOULD ADD TO THE  
23 COMMENTS, CONGRATULATIONS ON THE VERY FINE JOB THAT WAS DONE  
24 BY YOUR L.A. COUNTY OR REGISTRAR AND RECORDER, CONNY MCCORMACK  
25 AND HER VERY FINE STAFF. I WOKE UP BRIGHT AND EARLY YESTERDAY





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1 MORNING AND HAD A VERY FULL DAY OF VISITING DIFFERENT  
2 PRECINCTS AND WATCHING ALL OF YOUR OUTSTANDING POLL WORKERS  
3 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE VERY FINE  
4 JOB AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE SUPERVISOR BURKE  
9 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE ON YOUR ELECTION LAST NIGHT. I LOOK  
10 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. RIGHT  
11 NOW, WE WANT TO INTRODUCE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF  
12 DAY ONE IN THE PASADENA, ALTADENA AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
13 AND THAT'S TAHRA GOREYA. DAY ONE, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT  
14 COALITION, WAS FORMED BACK IN 1987 BY PASADENA AND ALTADENA  
15 COMMUNITY LEADERS OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE RISING DRUG EPIDEMIC  
16 OF YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED A VERY  
17 EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO REDUCE  
18 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT THEY'VE BEEN VERY  
19 SUCCESSFUL. THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MARCH, ONE AND ITS  
20 PARTNERS ARE CELEBRATING AND HONORING, PROMOTE PARENTING  
21 THROUGHOUT THE GREATER PASADENA/ALTADENA AREA AS PARENTING  
22 AWARENESS MONTH, SO THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED  
23 TO ENHANCE PARENTING SKILLS. I SHOULD SAY THAT PASADENA IS THE  
24 FIRST CALIFORNIA CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PARENTING AWARENESS  
25 MONTH, AND THE GREAT COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA, ONE OF OUR GREAT



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1 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. VERY PROUD OF THEIR ABILITY TO DO  
2 THE JOB ON THEIR OWN BY REPRESENTING THEMSELVES WITH THE BOARD  
3 OF SUPERVISORS BY PARTICIPATING. NOW THAT WE ARE RESOLVING  
4 THAT THE BOARD PROCLAIM MARCH 2004 AS PARENTING AWARENESS  
5 MONTH IN THE PASADENA/ALTADENA AREA. SO TAHRA,  
6 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **TAHRA GOREYA:** SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND THE REST OF  
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AND  
10 PARTNERING WITH US. WE'RE IN THE SIXTH YEAR OF CELEBRATING OUR  
11 PARENTS AND CARE GIVERS IN THE GREATER PASADENA/ALTADENA AREA  
12 AND WE INVITE ALL PARENTS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND PARENTING  
13 AWARENESS MONTH AND THE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS AND RESOURCES  
14 THAT WE PROVIDE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH THAT DRAW A LOT OF  
15 PARENTS FROM L.A. COUNTYWIDE, AND WE WELCOME AND ALL AND  
16 EVERYBODY, AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
17 WHO DROP ON BY PARENT CONFERENCE ON MARCH 27 OR THE RESOURCE  
18 FAIR THIS THURSDAY. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS, WE REALLY DO  
19 BELIEVE AND FEEL THAT, ALONG WITH 30 OTHER PARTNERS THAT HAVE  
20 JOINED US, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THAT IT  
21 REALLY DOES TAKE ALL OF US TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN RAISING A  
22 HEALTHY, DRUG-FREE, PRODUCTIVE CHILD, AND THAT MEANS PROVIDING  
23 OUR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WITH SKILLS AND RESOURCES AND  
24 CELEBRATING WHAT THEY DO. THAT INCLUDES FOSTER PARENTS,  
25 GRANDPARENTS, SIBLINGS RAISING THEIR OTHER SIBLINGS. SO AGAIN,



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1 WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTINUED COMMITMENT. WE ARE  
2 CELEBRATING OUR SIXTH YEAR AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE YEARS  
3 OF PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S A FAMOUS SAYING BY ANONYMOUS THAT  
6 MANY OF YOU HAVE READ, THAT, A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW IT  
7 DOESN'T MATTER THE TYPE OF HOME YOU'VE LIVED IN OR THE TYPE OF  
8 AUTOMOBILE YOU HAD DRIVEN OR THE SIZE OF YOUR BANK ACCOUNT,  
9 BUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN CHANGING THE LIFE OF A CHILD WILL MAKE  
10 A DIFFERENCE IN THAT LIFE OF THE CHILD AND WHAT THAT CHILD  
11 WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. I SAY THAT BECAUSE, THIS MORNING,  
12 WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME THE ACADEMY OF CALIFORNIA ADOPTION  
13 LAWYERS, DAVID BAUM, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT, MAGIC OF ADOPTION  
14 DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS BONNIE HYLER, DARLENE ANDERSON, AND  
15 DAVID RATTIS. THE ACADEMY OF CALIFORNIA ADOPTION LAWYERS IS A  
16 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF FAMILY FORMATION ADOPTION  
17 LAWYERS WHO ASSIST IN THE PUBLIC IN IDENTIFYING FAMILY  
18 FORMATION PRACTITIONERS. THE ACADEMY PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL,  
19 PUBLIC AND JUDICIAL EDUCATION ON ADOPTION, GUARDIANSHIP,  
20 JUVENILE COURT ADOPTION AND RELATED TOPICS AS IT ENCOURAGES  
21 FAIR AND BALANCED FAMILY CREATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS. THIS  
22 COMING WEEK, ON MARCH 7TH, THE ACADEMY WILL HOST ITS THIRD  
23 ANNUAL MAGIC OF ADOPTION DAY TO AFFORD ADOPTIVE CHILDREN,  
24 ADOPTIVE PARENTS AND ADOPTIVE PROFESSIONALS A CHANCE TO  
25 CELEBRATE THE WONDER AND POSITIVE ASPECTS OF ADOPTION. WE'VE



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1 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THEM THROUGH THE YEARS.  
2 THEY'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME VERY MEANINGFUL  
3 DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR COURTS, OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN FAMILY  
4 SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN ELIMINATE A LOT OF THE  
5 UNNECESSARY RED TAPE THAT GOES THROUGH THE ADOPTION PROCESS  
6 AND HAVE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO ENSURE WE FIND THOSE  
7 LOVING HOMES FOR THOSE YOUNG CHILDREN WHO ARE AWAITING THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING A FAMILY THAT THEY CAN CALL THEIR OWN  
9 AND GROW UP WITH A STABLE FUTURE, WHICH A FAMILY WILL PROVIDE.  
10 SO AT THIS TIME, WE PROCLAIM MAGIC OF ADOPTION DAY THROUGHOUT  
11 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY WHO IS  
12 WATCHING, IF YOU CAN, ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO REACH OUT, BE  
13 AN ADOPTIVE PARENT OR FOSTER PARENT FOR THE LIFE AND THE  
14 FUTURE OF THAT CHILD. THANK YOU.

15

16 **DAVID BAUM:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF THE ACADEMY  
18 OF CALIFORNIA ADOPTION LAWYERS AND THE 28 ADOPTION LAWYERS  
19 THROUGHOUT THE STATE THAT I REPRESENT, IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO  
20 ACCEPT THIS COMMENDATION AND THIS SCROLL, AND WE APPRECIATE  
21 VERY MUCH THE SUPERVISORS INVOLVEMENT WITH ADOPTION, FAMILY  
22 FORMATION. IT, INDEED, IS THE MAGIC THAT WE CELEBRATE THIS  
23 SUNDAY AT THE MAGIC CASTLE IN HOLLYWOOD OF HELPING FAMILIES  
24 BECOME FAMILY THROUGH THE BENEFITS OF ADOPTION. SO, ON BEHALF



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1 OF A VERY GRATEFUL ACADEMY THAT JUST CELEBRATED ITS 18TH  
2 BIRTHDAY, WE THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE GIRL. SHE'S A SHARPEI  
5 MIX. HER NAME IS UBI, AND SHE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD. SO THIS IS  
6 LITTLE UBI. WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT THIS LITTLE WRINKLE-FACED  
7 LITTLE PUPPY? ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HER, SHE'S  
8 AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. SHE ALSO HAS SOME RELATIVES THAT ARE  
9 ALSO AVAILABLE AND, IF YOU'RE WATCHING AT HOME, YOU CAN CALL  
10 THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN, (562) 728-  
11 4644, AND MARSHA WILL ENSURE THAT LITTLE UBI WILL BE ABLE TO  
12 GO TO YOUR HOME AND PROVIDE YOU WITH THE LOVE THAT THIS LITTLE  
13 PUPPY WILL GROW UP AND PROVIDE. OKAY?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** BEFORE WE CALL UP ANYONE ELSE, I WANT TO CALL UP  
18 DIAMOND SMITH. SHE REPRESENTED KING DREW IN THE 26TH  
19 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION MOCK TRIAL AND SHE WON  
20 OUTSTANDING PROSECUTION ATTORNEY FROM THE SENIOR DIVISION.  
21 WINNER OUT OF 62 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS. CONGRATULATIONS TO  
22 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL UP THE MEMBERS OF THE  
25 HOWARD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI CLUB OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. HOWARD



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1 UNIVERSITY, LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., HAS HAD A  
2 DISTINGUISHED HISTORY FOR MORE THAN 135 YEARS AS A DESTINATION  
3 OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS  
4 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THE UNIVERSITY HAD ITS START  
5 WHEN, IN NOVEMBER 1866, SHORTLY AFTER THE END OF THE CIVIL  
6 WAR, MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON  
7 CONSIDERED ESTABLISHING A THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FOR THE  
8 EDUCATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLERGYMEN. HOWEVER, WITHIN A FEW  
9 WEEKS, THE CONCEPT EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR  
10 ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSITY. THE FIRST STUDENTS ENTERED HOWARD  
11 UNIVERSITY IN MAY, 1867. IT WAS NAMED FOR MAJOR GENERAL OLIVER  
12 O. HOWARD, A CIVIL WAR HERO IN THE UNION ARMY TO WHOM A  
13 MONUMENT HAD BEEN ERECTED AT GETTYSBURG. GENERAL HOWARD WAS  
14 THE FIRST COMMISSIONER OF THE FREEDMAN BUREAU, A U.S.  
15 GOVERNMENT AGENCY ESTABLISHED AFTER THE CIVIL WAR TO AID FREED  
16 BLACK PEOPLE. THE BUREAU FINANCED MOST OF THE EARLY  
17 DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY. HOWARD UNIVERSITY HAS GRADUATED  
18 INNUMERABLE ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNI OVER THE YEARS. TODAY, I'M VERY  
19 PLEASED TO HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI  
20 CLUB OF GREATER LOS ANGELES FOR CONTINUING A TRADITION OF  
21 EXCELLENCE. THEY'VE PERFORMED OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE TO  
22 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THROUGH THEIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
23 AND SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING YOUTH TO SEEK AND ACHIEVE A  
24 COLLEGE EDUCATION. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT  
25 THE RECOGNITION OF THE HOWARD ALUMNI CLUB CONTRIBUTION MY





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1 CONTRIBUTION TO PRESIDENT, BEVERLY REYNOLDS. SHE'S ACCOMPANIED  
2 BY GEORGE PARKS, SHANI MOORE, WAYNE MOORE, CARL BUTTS, AND  
3 MARGO BOUCHET.

4

5 **BEVERLY REYNOLDS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. ON BEHALF OF  
6 THE MORE THAN 3,000 ALUMNI OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY WHO LIVE AND  
7 RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH  
8 FOR THIS HONOR, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO LET YOU KNOW THAT IT  
9 WAS ON MARCH 3RD THAT PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON, IN 1867,  
10 SIGNED THE CHARTER FOR HOWARD AND TODAY IS MARCH 3RD SO WE ARE  
11 CELEBRATING OUR 137TH ANNIVERSARY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS. A LOT OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI.  
14 AND FROM THE LAW SCHOOL AS WELL AS...

15

16 **BEVERLY REYNOLDS:** YES, CONSUELA MARSHALL, MARCUS TUCKER, A  
17 JUDGE IN LONG BEACH, AND DR. COLUMBUS MCALVIN AT CEDARS-SINAI.  
18 HE IS THE HEAD OF THE PEDIATRIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** AND EILEEN ADAMS, WHO WAS -- JUST LEFT AS GENERAL  
21 SERVICES, HEAD OF GENERAL SERVICES FOR CALIFORNIA, IS FROM  
22 HOWARD UNIVERSITY AS WELL. THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL KEVIN  
23 PICKETT, TONY WATFORD, EDNA WILLIAMS AND ELDER RON SIMMONS  
24 FORWARD. SINCE 1989, THE BLACK CHURCH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE  
25 HEALING OF A.I.D.S. HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT CATALYST FOR



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1 EDUCATING, EMPOWERING, AND MOBILIZING CHURCHES TO PROVIDE  
2 A.I.D.S. EDUCATION TO THEIR CONGREGATIONS AND COMMUNITIES.  
3 THIS WEEK-LONG EVENT IS AMONG THE LARGEST H.I.V./A.I.D.S.  
4 AWARENESS PROGRAMS TARGETING AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES.  
5 BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH THROUGH MARCH 14TH, THE PALMS  
6 RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY WILL CELEBRATE THE WEEK OF PRAYER  
7 FOR THE HEALING OF A.I.D.S. THE FACILITY WILL PARTNER WITH  
8 HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WEST ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD AND  
9 CHRIST, HOLY TRINITY OF LONG BEACH AND A NUMBER OF OTHER  
10 CHURCHES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. KEVIN PICKETT AND THE  
11 PALM RESIDENT CARE FACILITY ALSO INVITE ALL CONGREGATIONS THAT  
12 HAVE NOT YET JOINED THIS CRUSADE TO JOIN US NOW. IT'S A  
13 STUNNING FACT THAT, IN THE UNITED STATES, A.I.D.S. IS NOW THE  
14 LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS 25 TO 44 YEARS  
15 OLD. THIS IS A MAJOR REASON WHY EVENTS SUCH AS THIS WEEK OF  
16 PRAYER, WHICH ALSO PROMOTES H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EDUCATION,  
17 PREVENTION, SERVICE, AND COMPASSION ARE SO IMPORTANT. AND I  
18 WAS READING YESTERDAY WHERE, IN SAN FRANCISCO, THEY SAY THE  
19 A.I.D.S. NUMBERS AND H.I.V. NUMBERS ARE GOING DOWN, BUT WHAT  
20 WE'RE SEEING IN LOS ANGELES IS AN INCREASE IN NUMBERS AMONG  
21 AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND WOMEN. SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO  
22 CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO HAVE TESTING AND TREATMENT,  
23 AND HERE TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL IS KEVIN PICKETT, C.E.O. OF  
24 PALM RESIDENTIAL, AND MOUNT CARMEL TREATMENT CENTER, TONY  
25 WALFORD, COORDINATOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE,



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1 EDNA WILLIAMS WITH THE URBAN CHURCH H.I.V. TASK FORCE, AND  
2 ELDER RON SIMMONS OF WEST ANGELUS CHURCH OF GOD AND CHRIST AND  
3 I URGE ALL CONGREGATIONS TO JOIN IN EDUCATING YOUR  
4 CONGREGATION ON THE NEED TO HAVE TESTING AND PARTICULARLY TO  
5 SAY TO MEN AND WOMEN THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO GO  
6 FORWARD WITH EDUCATION AND TESTING.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. YOU WERE SO THOROUGH,  
9 YOU STOLE ALL MY THUNDER. BUT I THINK -- BUT I WOULD BE REMISS  
10 IF I DIDN'T THANK YOU AND GUNTHER FREEHOE FROM THE OFFICE OF  
11 A.I.D.S. POLICY AND PROGRAM, WHO SUPPORTED THIS EVENT AND,  
12 BECAUSE OF YOUR KIND SUPPORT, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO REACH  
13 HUNDREDS OF CHURCHES ALL THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
14 WE'VE BROKEN DOWN DENOMINATIONAL LINES TO GET EVERYONE  
15 INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE SPREAD OF H.I.V. AND  
16 A.I.D.S. IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND FOR THAT WE THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE HAVE, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT AN A.I.D.S.  
19 COALITION, WHERE ALL PROVIDERS COME TOGETHER. SO WE DON'T  
20 COMPETE FOR MONEY, WE TRY TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET THE FUNDS TO  
21 MEET THE NEED. THANK YOU. WERE YOU GOING TO SAY A WORD, TOO,  
22 KEVIN?

23

24 **KEVIN PICKETT:** YES. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE AND I'D  
25 ALSO LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF THE SECOND DISTRICT



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1 YOUTH HEALTH EDUCATION COALITION. THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF  
2 SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE PALMS RESIDENTIAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH  
3 THE SECOND DISTRICT H.I.V. COMMUNITY COALITION, WILL SPEARHEAD  
4 THE SECOND DISTRICT H.I.V. YOUTH HEALTH AND EDUCATION  
5 COALITION. THIS COALITION WILL FOCUS ON HEALTH ISSUES THAT  
6 PLAGUE OUR YOUTH. THE SECOND DISTRICT HEALTH EDUCATION  
7 COALITION WILL ADDRESS ISSUES SUCH AS H.I.V./A.I.D.S., SEXUAL  
8 ABUSE, OBESITY, CIGARETTE SMOKING, AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE.  
9 WE ARE PLANNING TO KICK OFF BY MEETING WITH A NUMBER OF MIDDLE  
10 SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN SPA 6 AND OFFERING THEM  
11 FREE TICKETS TO THE LADIES FIRST TOUR FEATURING BEYONC ,  
12 ALICIA KEYS, AND MISSY ELLIOTT AT THE ARROWHEAD POND.  
13 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL SUBMIT WRITTEN ESSAYS, SLOGANS AND  
14 STATEMENTS OF NEED AROUND HEALTH ISSUES OF CONCERN TO URBAN  
15 YOUTH. THOSE SELECTED SCHOOLS WHOSE STUDENTS COMPOSE THE BEST  
16 H.I.V. AWARENESS CAMPAIGN SLOGAN WILL ATTEND THE CONCERT. I'D  
17 ALSO LIKE TO THANK DALE HUFF, ONE OF SUPERVISOR BURKE'S  
18 DEPUTIES, FOR ASSISTING US WITH THIS CAMPAIGN AND ALSO MR.  
19 CHARLES HENRY OF THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
20 [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ZEV, DID YOU HAVE ANY  
23 PRESENTATIONS?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I DON'T.



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1  
2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL BEGIN, THEN. FIRST  
3 OF ALL, I'LL BEGIN WITH MY ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, I MOVE  
4 TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HOWARD "BUD" COLLN. BUD IS  
5 A LONG-TIME NORWALK CONSTITUENT, A GOOD FRIEND. HE PASSED AWAY  
6 AT THE AGE, LAST WEEK, OF 83 LAST WEEK. HE WAS ALWAYS AT  
7 COUNCIL MEETINGS, VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, AN ABSOLUTE  
8 FIXTURE IN THE COMMUNITY. HE KNEW HOW TO GET THINGS DONE WITH  
9 A QUIET VOICE AND AN EASY SMILE. HE WAS A NATIVE OF ILLINOIS  
10 AND MOVED TO NORWALK IN 1949 WITH HIS WIFE, LUCILLE. THEY JUST  
11 RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY. HE JOINED THE  
12 ROTARY CLUB IN 1982 AND HAD BEEN A PAST PRESIDENT. HE ALSO  
13 SERVED ON VARIOUS CITY COMMISSIONS AND WAS NAMED CITIZEN OF  
14 THE YEAR IN 1992. CITY MANAGER ERNIE GARCIA DESCRIBED HIM AS A  
15 CITY SUPPORTER WHO WAS COMMITTED TO VOLUNTEERISM. HE WAS A  
16 GENTLE SOUL AND THE KIND OF PERSON PEOPLE COULD RELATE TO. BUD  
17 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LUCILLE, SONS KENNETH, JAMES, AND  
18 FOUR CHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL  
19 SCOLLES. SAMUEL PASSED AWAY IN BELLFLOWER LAST WEEK. HE WAS  
20 HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY FOLLOWING HIS  
21 SERVICE IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT. HE WAS A CHRYSLER CLASSIC CAR  
22 COLLECTOR, HAVING WON MANY AWARDS WITH HIS 1935 AIR FLOW. THE  
23 CAR HAS BEEN USED IN HOLLYWOOD MOVIES AND PARADES AND,  
24 RECENTLY, JUST THIS PAST NOVEMBER, DROVE MY WIFE, JULIE, AND I  
25 IN THE BELLFLOWER LIBERTY DAY PARADE, AND HE'S GOING TO BE



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1 SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
2 LOVING WIFE, MARTHA, AND SISTER, EVELYN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
3 IN MEMORY OF GENARO ACOSTA, UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST, WHO  
4 WAS KILLED WHILE ON PATROL IN NORTH OF BAGHDAD WHEN THE  
5 VEHICLE HE WAS DRIVING DETONATED TWO EXPLOSIVES. HE ENTERED  
6 THE ARMY IN OCTOBER, 2000, SERVED AS BIG BROTHER TO MANY IN  
7 HIS UNIT BASED AT FORT HOOD. HE REENLISTED IN AUGUST OF 2003  
8 BECAUSE HE BELIEVED HE WAS OUT THERE FOR THE RIGHT CAUSE. A  
9 TREE DEDICATION TOOK PLACE IN HIS HONOR AT MAYFAIR HIGH SCHOOL  
10 IN BELLFLOWER WHERE HE GRADUATED. HE'S GOING TO BE MISSED BY  
11 HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ROXANNE,  
12 HIS FATHER, FERNANDO, HIS BROTHERS, FERNANDO JR. AND MEL  
13 BROWN, AND HIS NIECE, ALYSSA. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
14 OF MARY KARTHAS. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ASSUMPTION GREEK  
15 ORTHODOX CHURCH SINCE 1954, BELONGED TO THE DAUGHTERS OF  
16 PENELOPE, A CHRISTIAN SENIOR CITIZENS, SERVED AS HER SECRETARY  
17 FOR A LONG TIME. SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BANK OF AMERICA  
18 RETIRED EMPLOYEES GROUP. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,  
19 NICHOLAS, DAUGHTER, CYNTHIA, SON-IN-LAW, TOM, AND  
20 GRANDDAUGHTER, JULIA. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRED  
21 YARBROUGH, A LONG-TIME FOURTH DISTRICT RESIDENT, WHO PASSED  
22 AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON FEBRUARY 23RD AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 47. HE  
23 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANET, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC  
24 DEFENDERS OFFICE, AND THEIR TWO-YEAR-OLD SON, JONATHAN.  
25 FINALLY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELVIRA LUCERO CHAVEZ, A LONG-





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1 TIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER  
2 OF THE COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JOSEPH, AND  
3 HER CHILDREN, CECILIA, EDWARD, THERESA, CATHERINE, AGNES,  
4 ELIZABETH, JOSEPH, JR. AND ALEXANDER. AGNES AND ELIZABETH ARE  
5 EMPLOYEES WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. WITHOUT  
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. JUST ONE CORRECTION ON THE HELD AGENDA.  
7 I UNDERSTAND, ALTHOUGH THE DEPARTMENT WANTED TO REFER IT BACK,  
8 ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WANTED TO TESTIFY TODAY, AND THAT'S  
9 ON ITEM NUMBER 19, WITH GENEVIEVE, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO CALL  
10 YOU UP. JUST SO YOU KNOW THAT WE'LL HAVE YOU UP TO TESTIFY ON  
11 ITEM NUMBER 19. YOU WANTED TO DO IT TODAY, CORRECT? OKAY. I  
12 JUST WANTED TO KNOW, IF I COULD HAVE THE BOARD'S ATTENTION  
13 HERE, WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO DO WITH ITEM NUMBER 9. WE'VE HAD A  
14 REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE FOR TWO WEEKS. ALSO, THERE ARE  
15 PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLIC HERE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, AND IF WE  
16 WANTED TO TAKE THE TESTIMONY AND CONTINUE IT OR HOW, WHAT IS  
17 THE...

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** IF WE TAKE THE TESTIMONY, I THINK WE SHOULD GO ON  
20 AND HEAR IT.

21

22 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** OTHERWISE, WE CAN CONTINUE IT FOR TWO  
23 WEEKS.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD JUST ASK THAT WE HAVE  
2   THE PUBLIC HEARING PERSONALLY AND I UNDERSTAND, I TALKED TO  
3   MR. ANTONOVICH. I UNDERSTAND HE'S TOLD SOME PEOPLE THAT WANTED  
4   TO COME DOWN NOT TO COME DOWN BUT, YOU KNOW, I TOLD PEOPLE NOT  
5   TO COME DOWN IN DROVES, TOO, BUT NOT BECAUSE IT WASN'T GOING  
6   TO BE HEARD BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A PRETTY -- WE ALL  
7   HAVE OUR OPINIONS ON IT AND I'D PREFER THAT WE VOTE ON IT  
8   TODAY, IF WE CAN. IF WE CAN'T, WE CAN'T, BUT I DON'T THINK  
9   ANYTHING IS GOING TO CHANGE IN THE WAY OF OPINIONS HERE  
10  BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT -- TWO WEEKS FROM NOW, AND ANYWAY, THAT'S  
11  MY VIEW. I DON'T WANT TO GIVE A BIG SPEECH ABOUT IT BUT I  
12  THINK WE SHOULD HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC AND THEN HAVE A  
13  DISCUSSION ABOUT IT AND SEE WHERE IT IS.

14

15  **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I THINK WE SHOULD EITHER HEAR IT OR NOT HEAR  
16  IT. IF WE WANT TO PUT IT OVER FOR TWO WEEKS, I HAVE NO  
17  OBJECTION. BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT WE SHOULD HEAR -- I THINK YOU  
18  HAVE TO LEAVE FAIRLY SOON.

19

20  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ARE LEAVING BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT...

21

22  **SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE ARE ONLY THREE PEOPLE HERE.

23

24  **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND  
25  THAT CAME ABOUT LATE AND, WHEN THAT OCCURRED, THE PEOPLE WHO



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1 WERE COMING DOWN, WE TOLD THEM IT WOULD BE CONTINUED. AND I DO  
2 BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD. WE'VE TAKEN TESTIMONY  
3 AND DELAYED FINAL ACTION ON PREVIOUS ISSUES THAT HAVE COME  
4 BEFORE US AND IT'S A COMMON COURTESY THAT, IF SOMEBODY WANTS  
5 TO SPEAK ON AN ISSUE, THEY CAN SPEAK ON IT BUT THOSE WHO HAVE  
6 BEEN TOLD THE MEETING WAS GOING TO BE CONTINUING THAT ITEM  
7 SHOULD HAVE THAT SAME OPPORTUNITY. SO MY POSITION IS, THIS IS  
8 NOT A CRITICAL ISSUE THAT HAS TO BE DETERMINED TODAY BECAUSE  
9 THERE'S A TIME CERTAIN. IT'S AN ISSUE THAT WILL BE DEBATED FOR  
10 MANY MONTHS AHEAD. THEREFORE, THERE'S NO SENSE OF URGENCY  
11 BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE A FLOOD OR WHATEVER TAKING PLACE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I STILL WOULD RECOMMEND -- HOW MANY DO WE  
14 HAVE? THREE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS THING?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY CAN SPEAK, I MEAN, I HAVE NO PROBLEM,  
17 BUT AS FAR AS ALLOWING ACTION TO BE TAKEN, THOSE PEOPLE WHO'VE  
18 INDICATED THEY WANTED TO SPEAK ON IT...

19

20 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** FIVE PEOPLE.

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22 **SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY:** ...AND WERE TOLD NOT TO COME DOWN.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S FIVE PEOPLE?

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET'S HEAR FROM THEM AND...

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN WE DO OUR ADJOURNMENTS FIRST, MR.  
4    CHAIRMAN? MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I DO MY ADJOURNMENTS?

5

6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SURE. OKAY.

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, WE'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ONE  
9    OF THE GREAT INSTITUTIONS AND ICONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
10    THAT'S MAYOR TALMADGE BURKE, WHO PASSED AWAY. HE WAS THE  
11    LONGEST SERVING COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
12    HAVING SERVED 52 YEARS, AND CURRENT MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
13    ALHAMBRA. HE SERVED 52 YEARS ON THE ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL AND  
14    DIED AT THE AGE OF 86. HIS FATHER WAS ALSO A PREVIOUS COUNCIL  
15    MEMBER AND SERVED THAT CITY IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR 18  
16    YEARS. HE WAS A NOTED ATTORNEY, WELL LOVED BY THE COMMUNITY,  
17    WELL RESPECTED, AND MADE MANY PERSONAL FINANCIAL SACRIFICES IN  
18    THE BENEFIT OF THAT CITY, WHICH IS ONE OF OUR OUTSTANDING  
19    CITIES OF OUR 88 CITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

20

21    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

22

23    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
24    ANOTHER FORMER MAYOR WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66 ON MARCH  
25    28TH AND THAT WAS THE MAYOR OF MONROV -- EXCUSE ME, THE MAYOR



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1 OF GLENDORA, LARRY GLENN. LARRY SERVED THE CITY OF GLENDORA  
2 FOR 12 YEARS, WAS A GREAT ACTIVE, INVOLVED IN SERVICE CLUBS  
3 AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
4 JOYCE, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. AND TALMADGE IS SURVIVED BY  
5 HIS WIFE, LISA, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. GOOD FRIEND, ARTHUR  
6 MCCLURE, WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER A COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER  
7 AT THE AGE OF 71. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF U.S.C. AND U.S.C.  
8 SCHOOL OF LAW. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LOS  
9 ANGELES COUNTY FROM 1980 TO '82, PRESIDENT OF SAINT ANDREW'S  
10 SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES AND MEMBER OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER  
11 FOR HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
12 BONNIE, WHO IS FORMER SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN AND  
13 HIS SON AND DAUGHTER. ZILLA CHMELNICKI, WIFE OF RABBI SAMUEL  
14 CHMELNICKI, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY, AND SHE WAS BURIED IN  
15 ISRAEL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND THEIR THREE  
16 CHILDREN. THE RABBI IS A PERSONAL FRIEND AND SUPPORTER. WE  
17 WISH HIS FAMILY OUR PRAYERS. NANCY CONNER, LONG-TIME ANTELOPE  
18 VALLEY RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER AN ILLNESS WITH CANCER  
19 ON FEBRUARY 27TH. JEAN GARR, WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST 86,000  
20 WOMEN TO JOIN THE WAVES BACK IN WORLD WAR II, PASSED AWAY AT  
21 THE AGE OF 81, FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SHE MOVED TO  
22 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE SHE ESTABLISHED A REAL ESTATE FIRM  
23 IN ARCADIA. SHE WAS ALSO QUITE INVOLVED IN THOROUGHBRED HORSE  
24 BREEDING AND KNOWN FOR-- HER HUSBAND WAS KNOWN FOR THE RACE  
25 CALLS AT THE SANTA ANITA AND MANY OTHER OF THE TRACKS IN



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1 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE VICTORY  
2 MEDAL, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, AND THE HONORABLE SERVICE  
3 PIN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND TWO CHILDREN. LLOYD  
4 HUSKEY, RETIRED SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE  
5 DEPARTMENT. DR. ROBERT LEROY RIVERA WAS A CAREER EDUCATOR IN  
6 DRAMA, SPEECH AND DEBATE, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
7 TOASTMASTERS, ALUM OF U.S.C., SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HELEN, AND  
8 THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. I KNEW BOB WHEN I WAS A TRUSTEE OF THE  
9 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING  
10 INDIVIDUAL AND A GREAT ROLE MODEL. BARBARA SULLIVAN, 32 YEAR  
11 EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. SHE WAS  
12 MANAGING THE PROGRAM WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION TO EXPAND AND  
13 ENHANCE ACCESS TO CHILDCARE FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES, INCLUDING  
14 THE CHILDCARE TRAINING INSTITUTE AND THE CAREERS AND CHILDCARE  
15 PROGRAM. DONALD MILLER, FORMER DIRECTOR AND OFFICER OF THE  
16 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, AND HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PEPPERDINE  
17 UNIVERSITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 20 YEARS, WHO PASSED AWAY.  
18 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PASADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THE  
19 CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF PASADENA. HE WORKED FOR THE FIRST  
20 INTERSTATE BANK OF CALIFORNIA, HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
21 97. DR. ALBERT MILLER, FAMILY PHYSICIAN IN MONROVIA, AND HE  
22 WAS QUITE ACTIVE AT THE ARCADIA METHODIST HOSPITAL AND WAS A  
23 MEMBER OF THE MONROVIA ROTARY CLUB FOR 50 YEARS AND THE FIRST  
24 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MONROVIA. PHYLLIS KEY, LONG-TIME  
25 RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA, FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE LA CRESCENTA





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1 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND ACTIVE IN MANY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH  
2 ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COUNTY. GEORGE PARDEE, ONE OF THE MOST  
3 PROLIFIC HOME BUILDERS WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HIS  
4 COMPANY, PARDEE CONSTRUCTION, WAS FORMED IN 1946 BY THE  
5 FATHER, BROTHER AND HIMSELF AND, WITH THE ADOPTION THAT ALL  
6 THE BUSINESS DECISIONS HAD TO BE UNANIMOUS. AND THAT POLICY  
7 CONTINUED WITH THE ADDITION OF ANOTHER BROTHER BACK IN 1948.  
8 AND ELVIRA CHAVEZ OF WEST COVINA, TEACHERS AID WITH LOS  
9 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE LEAVES HER HUSBAND AND  
10 EIGHT CHILDREN.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 9, CALL UP  
13 LORRI JEAN, EDDIE GUTIERREZ, L. J. CARUSONE, AND FREDERICK  
14 KOENIG. THE FOUR OF YOU COME UP, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

15

16 **LORRI JEAN:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF  
17 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS LORRI JEAN. I'M THE C.E.O. OF THE L.A.  
18 GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY  
19 TO SPEAK. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE CENTER AND OUR 200  
20 STAFF, OUR 3,000 VOLUNTEERS, OUR 20,000 MONTHLY CLIENTS, AND  
21 OUR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS. MOST ARE GAY,  
22 LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER BUT MANY ARE STRAIGHT. SOME  
23 ARE RICH AND SOME ARE POOR. WE ARE WHITE, BLACK, LATINO,  
24 ASIAN, YOUNG, OLD, H.I.V. POSITIVE, H.I.V. NEGATIVE, AND OF  
25 ALL FAITHS. AND SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF THE PEOPLE I AM



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1 REPRESENTING HERE TODAY LIVE IN EACH OF YOUR DISTRICTS. THE  
2 LIBERTY OF ALL OF THESE PEOPLE AND, INDEED, ALL OF US IN THIS  
3 COUNTY, THIS STATE, AND THIS NATION IS DEEPLY THREATENED BY  
4 THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD PERMANENTLY  
5 RELEGATE AN ENTIRE GROUP OF AMERICANS TO SECOND-CLASS STATUS.  
6 IF PASSED, THIS AMENDMENT WOULD TURN THE DOCUMENT THAT HAS  
7 BEEN A BEACON FOR OUR HOPE AND LIBERTY WORLDWIDE INTO A TOOL  
8 OF OPPRESSION, OF DISCRIMINATION, AND OF BIGOTRY. NOW, DO I  
9 THINK THAT SAME-SEX COUPLES OUGHT TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO MARRY?  
10 CERTAINLY. WE PAY OUR TAXES JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE. WE WANT  
11 TO LIVE AND LOVE AND RAISE OUR FAMILIES IN SAFETY AND PEACE  
12 JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE. WE ARE AS ENTITLED TO THE CIVIL  
13 RIGHTS OF MARRIAGE AS ARE OUR STRAIGHT BROTHERS AND SISTERS.  
14 BUT HEAR ME CLEARLY. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU IS NOT ABOUT SAME-  
15 SEX MARRIAGE. IT IS ABOUT SAVING OUR CONSTITUTION. IT IS ABOUT  
16 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKING A FIRM  
17 STAND ON BEHALF OF STATE AND LOCAL AUTONOMY AND MAKING IT  
18 ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IS NO  
19 PLACE FOR THE POLITICS OF DISCRIMINATION. DISCRIMINATION OF  
20 ANY KIND. DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ALIKE, INCLUDING OUR OWN  
21 GOVERNOR, OPPOSE AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION IN THE WAY THAT  
22 PRESIDENT BUSH HAS PROPOSED. A KEY REASON FOR MANY IS THAT  
23 FAMILY AND MARRIAGE LAWS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE PURVIEW OF THE  
24 STATES AND, AS SUCH, ARE VIEWED TO HAVE NO PLACE IN THE  
25 CONSTITUTION. ONE CONSERVATIVE THINK TANK HAS ARGUED THAT



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1 BUSH'S PROPOSAL WOULD BE A RADICAL INTRUSION ON FEDERALISM AND  
2 WOULD SET THE STAGE FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL INTRUSIONS INTO  
3 STATE POWER. SECOND, THIS IS A HORRIBLY DIVISIVE ISSUE AND OUR  
4 NATION AND COUNTY HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DEAL WITH,  
5 LIKE HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. COULD YOU WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

8

9 **LORRI JEAN:** WELL, I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE MORE THING, THEN.  
10 I'VE BEEN AN ACTIVIST IN OUR CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AT THE  
11 NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVEL FOR 25 YEARS. THIS PROPOSED  
12 AMENDMENT IS A WATERSHED MOMENT IN OUR MOVEMENT AND, JUST AS  
13 HAS BEEN TRUE WITH SIMILAR MOMENTS IN OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS  
14 STRUGGLES, WHERE ARE POLITICAL LEADERS [NULL] STAND ON THIS  
15 WILL DETERMINE THEIR LEGACY FOR AN ENTIRE GROUP OF PEOPLE.  
16 REST ASSURED, WE WILL WIN THIS BATTLE FOR FREEDOM BECAUSE, IN  
17 OUR HISTORY, IN THIS COUNTRY, FAIRNESS HAS ALWAYS PREVAILED. I  
18 HOPE YOU WILL STAND UP ON BEHALF OF FAIRNESS AND I HOPE YOU  
19 WILL VOTE TODAY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. MR. GUTIERREZ?

22

23 **EDDIE GUTIERREZ:** EDDIE GUTIERREZ, I AM THE SOUTHWEST  
24 REGIONAL MANAGER FOR G.L.A.A.D., THE GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE  
25 AGAINST DEFAMATION. WE PRIMARILY WORK WITH THE MEDIA TO MAKE



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1 SURE THAT THE MEDIA IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE  
2 GAY AND LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY HAS FAIR,  
3 ACCURATE AND INCLUSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE. AND I WILL TELL YOU,  
4 THIS IS ABOUT WRITING DISCRIMINATION INTO THE CONSTITUTION.  
5 THIS IS ABOUT A THOUSAND MORE FEDERAL RIGHTS THAT SHOULD BE  
6 AFFORDED TO ME AND MY PARTNER OF EIGHT YEARS. WE BOTH LIVE IN  
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY PARTNER OF EIGHT YEARS, HE WORKS--  
8 COUNTY SOCIAL WORKER. I WORK HERE IN LOS ANGELES. IT'S ABOUT  
9 PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MY FUTURE. IT'S ABOUT HAVING EQUAL  
10 PROTECTION TO HAVE ADOPTION RIGHTS. IT'S ABOUT NOT WRITING  
11 DISCRIMINATION INTO THE CONSTITUTION AND I THINK G.L.A.A.D.  
12 AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WOULD SEE THAT THIS  
13 IS CLEARLY AN ISSUE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. MOST PUBLIC WILL  
14 AGREE YOU DON'T WANT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND I THINK, IN  
15 GENERAL, IT IS A PROTECTION. IT'S ABOUT EQUAL PROTECTION AND  
16 YOU WILL SEE THAT, IN MY LIFETIME, BEING YOUNG THAT I AM,  
17 CERTAINLY, THAT I WILL GET THE RIGHT AND THE PRIVILEGE TO GET  
18 MARRIED AS WELL.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. L.J.

21

22 **L. J. CARUSONE:** MY NAME IS L. J. CARUSONE. I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
23 DIRECTOR OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY CALIFORNIA. WE'RE THE ONLY  
24 STATEWIDE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN WORKING SOLELY  
25 ON ENDING MARRIAGE DISCRIMINATION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.



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1 WE REPRESENT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE FROM  
2 EUREKA TO SAN DIEGO, OUT TO BAKERSFIELD. I'M HERE TODAY TO  
3 SPEAK AS AN IMPASSIONED ACTIVIST WHO HAS BEEN, I FEEL, KIND OF  
4 SIDESWIPE BY OUR SUPPOSED LEADERS OF THIS NATION. AND I'M  
5 HERE TODAY TO IMPORE YOU ALL TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN  
6 OPPOSING THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. THERE'S NO DEFENDING  
7 MARRIAGE THROUGH DISCRIMINATION AND THAT'S ALL THIS DOES. IT  
8 IS ALSO PLAYING GAYS AND LESBIANS AS PAWNS FOR POLITICAL GAIN  
9 AND THAT'S THE MOST OFFENSIVE WAY TO BE TREATED AS AN AMERICAN  
10 CITIZEN. THIS ISSUE IS MORE THAN PERSONAL. IT'S VISCERAL FOR  
11 ME. AS A GAY MAN, AS SOMEBODY WHO LIVES HIS LIFE, UPHOLDS THE  
12 LAW, PAYS HIS TAXES, AND PROCEEDS AS EVERY ONE OF YOU DOES,  
13 YOU'RE ALL MARRIED, PROBABLY, AND, IF YOU'RE NOT, THEN YOU  
14 HAVE BEEN, MAYBE, IN YOUR PAST OR YOU HAVE FAMILIES. YOU CAN  
15 UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS ISSUE IS REALLY ABOUT. IT'S ABOUT LOVE  
16 AND WE CAN'T QUANTIFY LOVE. LOVE BETWEEN ANY TWO INDIVIDUALS  
17 IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD REALLY CHERISH AND UPHOLD AND WE CAN  
18 HONOR THAT THROUGH INSTITUTIONS, GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS THAT  
19 HELP PROTECT FAMILIES, FAMILIES THAT ARE RAISING CHILDREN.  
20 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A MILLION CHILDREN, MINIMUM, BEING RAISED  
21 ACROSS THE NATION BY GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES. TODAY, I THINK  
22 IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD TAKE UP WITH THIS ISSUE. I BELIEVE YOU  
23 SHOULDN'T PUT IT OFF ANOTHER WEEK, ANOTHER DAY. THIS IS  
24 SOMETHING YOU SHOULD TAKE UP TODAY. IT'S VERY, VERY CRITICAL  
25 TO US, EVEN IF IT'S JUST SYMBOLIC, BECAUSE A SYMBOLIC GESTURE



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1 THAT IS PUT OFF ONE MORE DAY LOSES ITS WEIGHT OF SYMBOLISM.  
2 IT'S TELLING THE PUBLIC THAT THIS ISSUE IS NOT PRIORITY. AND  
3 THIS IS A PRIORITY, MR. ANTONOVICH, AND I WISH YOU'D PAY  
4 ATTENTION TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE SPEAKING BECAUSE WE RESPECT  
5 YOU ALL AS LEADERS FOR US AND WE HOPE YOU RESPECT US AS A  
6 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. KOENIG, THEN I WOULD CALL UP JERRY  
9 JOHNSON AND JASON LYON.

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11 **FRIEDERICH KOENIG:** MY NAME IS FRIEDERICH KOENIG AND I HAVE A  
12 SPOUSE. WE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 1987 SO THAT MY  
13 SPOUSE COULD TEACH THE CHILDREN OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE AND  
14 ALL ACROSS THE NATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
15 CALIFORNIA. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE TOLD, WHEN WE FIRST GOT  
16 TOGETHER, THAT WE COULD NOT HAVE CHILDREN. WHAT WE DID IS  
17 PROCEEDED TO BUILD A BUSINESS, CREATE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FILM  
18 INDUSTRY CALLED T.H.X. MANY OF YOU MIGHT HAVE SUCH SYSTEMS IN  
19 YOUR HOMES. WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW IS, WHAT IS IT THAT MY  
20 SPOUSE AND I HAVE DONE WRONG FOR THE LAST 24 YEARS? BECAUSE WE  
21 COULD NOT HAVE CHILDREN, BECAUSE WE COULD NOT MARRY. WE WERE  
22 TOLD THESE THINGS AND WE CHOSE AND TOOK OUR PATH OF LIFE. THIS  
23 IS THE PERSON THAT I LOVE AND HE LOVES ME. AND WHAT I'D LIKE  
24 TO KNOW IS, WHY DO HETEROSEXUALS NEED SO MUCH SUPPORT FROM THE  
25 STATE COMPARED TO WHAT MY SPOUSE AND I HAVE RECEIVED? WE HAVE





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1 NO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. WE ARE STARTING TO THINK ABOUT  
2 OUR RETIREMENT. WE'RE STARTING TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE HAVE  
3 LIVED OUR LIVES AND HOW PEOPLE WILL LIVE THEIR LIVES IN THE  
4 FUTURE. PRESIDENT BUSH HAS DECIDED TO CLASS MY PARTNER AND ME,  
5 MY SPOUSE, AS SECOND CLASS TO OTHERS WHO ARE HETEROSEXUALLY  
6 COUPLED. I'D LIKE TO WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE COULD GO THROUGH  
7 OR HAVE BEEN THROUGH 24 YEARS, 25 YEARS, AND ARE LOOKING  
8 FORWARD TO ANOTHER 25 YEARS? I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT  
9 THIS BODY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WILL SUPPORT OUR  
10 PARTNERSHIP SO THAT WE CAN CONTRIBUTE, CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE  
11 TO SOCIETY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS MR. JERRY JOHNSON UP HERE?

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15 **JERRY JOHNSON:** THAT'S ME.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND JASON. I'D ASK RUSTY MILLER. JERRY?

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19 **JERRY JOHNSON:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
20 ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. I APOLOGIZE IF I'M NOT ELOQUENT. I  
21 DIDN'T WRITE A SPEECH. I HAVE NEVER COME BEFORE A GROUP OF  
22 THIS SIZE. WHAT I HAVE DONE IS I VOLUNTEERED, AS A YOUNG MAN,  
23 NOT DRAFTED, BUT VOLUNTEERED TO GO TO VIETNAM TO FIGHT FOR  
24 THIS COUNTRY, FOR THE FREEDOM THAT THIS COUNTRY NOW ENJOYS. I  
25 DIDN'T FIGHT IT FOR GAY MEN. I DIDN'T FIGHT IT FOR LESBIANS. I



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1 DIDN'T FIGHT IT FOR HETEROSEXUALS. I DIDN'T FIGHT IT FOR  
2 BLACKS OR WHITES. I FOUGHT FOR AMERICANS AND I FOUGHT FOR THAT  
3 PEACE AND FREEDOM THAT WE WOULD HAVE. AND IT TAKES A LOT TO  
4 GET ME UP HERE TODAY BECAUSE THIS IS VERY HARD FOR ME BUT I  
5 FOUND IT VERY HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE LEADER OF OUR COUNTRY  
6 WOULD WANT TO CHALLENGE OUR CONSTITUTION, WHICH IS THE ONLY  
7 DOCUMENT OR WEAPON THAT THE MINORITY HAS TO SEEK OUT FREEDOM  
8 AND EQUALITY IN THIS COUNTRY. WE CAN'T ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN  
9 BASED ON MORAL OR RELIGIOUS VALUES. I COME FROM A VERY STRICT  
10 SOUTHERN BAPTIST FAMILY AND I REALLY RESPECT THOSE VALUES BUT  
11 I ALSO RESPECT OUR CONSTITUTION THAT I FOUGHT FOR TO PROTECT  
12 EVERY SINGLE INDIVIDUAL, SOUTHERN BAPTIST, CATHOLICS, GAYS,  
13 STRAIGHTS, AND WHATEVER. I WOULD ASK YOU PLEASE PROTECT THAT  
14 CONSTITUTION. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN USED TO GIVE PEACE, TO GIVE  
15 FREEDOM, NOT TO RESTRICT PEOPLE. PLEASE DON'T LET US DOWN.  
16 DON'T LET ME DOWN. DON'T LET THE TIME THAT I HAVE LEFT BE  
17 WASTED. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JASON.

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21 **JASON LYON:** MY NAME IS JASON LYON. I AM CO-CHAIR OF THE  
22 SILVERLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE  
23 LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF GAY AND LESBIAN CAUCUS. I  
24 HAVE A BRIEF STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CAUCUS AND A STILL  
25 MORE BRIEF PERSONAL STATEMENT. THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD



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1 COUNCIL GAY AND LESBIAN CAUCUS IS A COALITION OF ELECTED  
2 G.L.B.T.Q. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL LEADERS REPRESENTING  
3 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS ALL ACROSS LOS ANGELES. THE CAUCUS  
4 APPLAUDS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR HIS COURAGE IN CONFRONTING  
5 THIS CONTENTIOUS AND PRESSING ISSUE. THE PROPOSED  
6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS A DIVISIVE AND MEAN-SPIRITED  
7 EFFORT TO PERMANENTLY DENY THE RIGHTS OF EQUAL PROTECTION AND  
8 DUE PROCESS TO GAY MEN AND LESBIANS SEEKING PUBLIC RECOGNITION  
9 OF THEIR LOVING, COMMITTED RELATIONSHIPS. AS ELECTED LEADERS  
10 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, YOU HAVE A UNIQUE FORUM WITH  
11 WHICH TO IMPACT THE NATIONAL DEBATE. WE URGE YOU TO VOTE "YES"  
12 FOR THE RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU TODAY AND SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE  
13 TO THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTRY THAT LOS ANGELES WILL NEVER  
14 SUPPORT LEGALIZED DISCRIMINATION. AND, PERSONALLY, I'D LIKE TO  
15 SAY THAT I'M PROB-- I MAY BE THE ONE PERSON HERE TODAY WHO IS  
16 MOST IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED BY THIS BECAUSE, UNTIL A COURT SAYS  
17 OTHERWISE, I AM LEGALLY MARRIED TO ANOTHER MAN IN THE STATE OF  
18 CALIFORNIA AS OF FEBRUARY 14, 2004. NOW, WHETHER OR NOT A  
19 COURT CERTIFIES THAT MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, WE WILL REMAIN TO  
20 BE MARRIED. BUT WHAT THAT WILL DENY US THE ABILITY TO DO, IF  
21 THEY DO DISCOUNT THAT CERTIFICATE, IS TO PROVIDE FOR EACH  
22 OTHER LIKE EVERY OTHER FAMILY PROVIDES FOR EACH OTHER. SO I  
23 URGE YOU NOT ONLY TO VOTE "YES" TO THIS BUT TO TAKE UP A  
24 SIMILAR RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB-1967, THE MARRIAGE LICENSE  
25 NONDISCRIMINATION ACT. THIS IS AN ISSUE WHOSE TIME HAS COME.



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1 IT'S NOT ABOUT IDEOLOGY. IT'S ABOUT INDIVIDUALS, PEOPLE LIKE  
2 ME WHO ONLY WANT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FAMILIES THAT  
3 THEY LOVE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RUSTY? THEN I CALL, EXCUSE ME,  
6 I'LL CALL YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY UP. GO AHEAD, RUSTY.

7

8 **RUSTY MILLAR:** HI. MY NAME IS RUSTY MILLAR AND I'M ALSO CO-  
9 CHAIR OF THE SILVERLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. AND, FOR THOSE  
10 OF YOU THAT ARE INTERESTED, WE HAVE THIS ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
11 COUNCIL AGENDA TONIGHT. IT OUGHT TO BE AN INTERESTING MEETING.  
12 I'D LIKE TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE, QUITE FRANKLY,  
13 WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHO DO I CHOOSE TO MARRY OR WHO  
14 DO YOU CHOOSE TO MARRY AND HOW SHOULD -- WHY SHOULD YOU BE  
15 ABLE TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THAT? I MEAN, IT WAS ONLY 40  
16 YEARS AGO THAT BLACK AND WHITE PEOPLE COULDN'T GET MARRIED TO  
17 EACH OTHER. AND, YOU KNOW, WHERE -- WHY IS THAT WRONG? TWO OF  
18 MY FOUR GRANDPARENTS, BOTH THEIR FAMILIES CAME TO AMERICA ON  
19 THE MAYFLOWER AND, FOR 17 GENERATIONS, EVERY SINGLE ONE OF  
20 THEM HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RIGHTS  
21 THAT WE HAVE TODAY AS A COUNTRY. AND I THINK THAT THIS IS JUST  
22 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US AND FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN LOS  
23 ANGELES TO MAKE A STATEMENT THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT  
24 LEGISLATED DISCRIMINATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YVONNE? YOU ALSO SIGNED UP FOR  
3 ITEM 18 TOO AS WELL.

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5 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** DO YOU WANT ME TO ADDRESS THEM BOTH AT  
6 THIS TIME?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO -- YEAH, ADDRESS BOTH ITEMS  
9 AT THIS POINT.

10

11 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY. WELL, WHAT I HAVE TO SAY  
12 FOLLOWING THE MOST RECENT SPEAKERS IS NOT GOING TO BE VERY  
13 POPULAR AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVEN'T MERGED CHURCH AND STATE  
14 YET, AND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I HAVEN'T BEEN IN AGREEANCE  
15 WITH BUSH ON ANYTHING, ESPECIALLY HIS PRO-WAR, WAR MONGERING  
16 MENTALITY, HIS CONSERVATISM. BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT, AS A  
17 MOTHER, AND MY CONCERN FOR THE CHILDREN AND ALSO FOR THE  
18 ETHICAL AND MORAL STANDING OF THIS NATION, IF IT EVER WAS  
19 CHRISTIAN, WHICH I DON'T THINK IT EVER WAS, THE EXAMPLE THAT  
20 HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED AS TO THE BALANCED, HEALTHY EXPRESSION OF  
21 LOVE AND SEXUAL INTERACTION WHICH GOD ORDAINED, AND I'M NOT  
22 PERFECT, I DON'T EVEN PROFESS TO BE EVEN QUALIFIED OR  
23 JUSTIFIED TO COMMENT ON THIS, BUT I HAVE TO BECAUSE I HAVE A  
24 SON AND I KNOW THAT A LOT OF HOMOSEXUAL MEN WHO ADVOCATE THE  
25 MARRIAGES HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN CORRUPTED OR EXPOSED TO SOME TYPE



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1 OF HOMOSEXUAL ADVANCEMENT OR ABUSE AS CHILDREN. AND THAT'S WHY  
2 THEY ARE HOMOSEXUALS TODAY. A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE WAS  
3 HOMOSEXUAL BECAUSE OF ABUSE PERPETRATED BY HIS FATHER FOR  
4 MANY, MANY, MANY YEARS. AGAIN, WE HAVE THE EXAMPLE OF SODOM  
5 AND GOMORRAH. I'M NOT TRYING TO ADVOCATE THE MERGER OF CHURCH  
6 AND STATE BECAUSE IT'S -- I THINK THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OR  
7 I THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE UNJUST. BUT IF WE HAVE BUSH  
8 ADVOCATING THAT HE'S GOING TO WAR IN AFGHANISTAN TO KILL THE  
9 EVIL ONES AND THAT HE'S GOING TO IRAQ TO FIND SADDAM HUSSEIN  
10 AND THEY'RE EVIL, YOU SEE, YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOME EQUAL  
11 APPLICATION OF MORALITY. AND THE TRUTH IS THAT THE PROPAGATION  
12 OF DISEASE HAPPENS THROUGH HOMOSEXUAL INTERCOURSE. IT'S  
13 UNCLEAN. IT'S UNNATURAL. IT'S NOT BALANCED. AND, FOR THAT  
14 REASON, I'M AGAINST THE LEGALIZATION OF HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES.  
15 ALSO BECAUSE OF THE CHILDREN. THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE IN  
16 PEDOPHILIA, NOT THAT HOMOSEXUALITY WOULD AUTOMATICALLY LEAD TO  
17 PEDOPHILIA BUT, AGAIN, MANY OF HOMOSEXUALS, MANY OF THE  
18 HOMOSEXUAL MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN, I THINK, INTRODUCED TO  
19 THAT TYPE OF BEHAVIOR AS A CHILD, PERPETRATED POSSIBLY BY  
20 HOMOSEXUALS WHO FELT COMFORTABLE IN DOING SO. I THINK THAT WE  
21 SHOULD RETHINK, LIKE I SAID, WHERE THE EMOTION OF LOVE COMES  
22 AND MAKE SURE IT'S A BALANCED EXPRESSION OF THAT TYPE OF  
23 RELATIONSHIP. AND, FINALLY, I WANTED TO ADDRESS SOME ISSUES  
24 WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DO  
25 SO. BUT WHAT I WILL DO IS, IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM, LAST WEEK,





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1 YOU MUTED MERRITT. HE HAD A RIGHT TO ADDRESS YOU AND I DON'T  
2 THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE MUTED HIM. I THINK IT WAS A VIOLATION OF  
3 HIS FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND I WOULD DISCOURAGE YOU FROM DOING  
4 THAT IN THE FUTURE, NOT ONLY HIM BUT TO ANYONE THAT WANTS TO  
5 SPEAK, EVEN IF THEY ARE PASSIONATE. I JUST WANTED THAT FOR THE  
6 RECORD. HE HAS A RIGHT TO EXPRESS HIMSELF AND HE HAS A RIGHT  
7 TO BE PASSIONATE IN HIS EXPRESSION.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE BEFORE US A  
10 REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE FOR TWO WEEKS. THE TESTIMONY HAS  
11 BEEN TAKEN AND, IN ALL FAIRNESS, I THINK, ZEV, EITHER A LACK  
12 OF COMMUNICATION FROM MY OFFICE TO MR. ANTONOVICH OR, YOU  
13 KNOW, WHATEVER TRANSPIRED, IT'S OBVIOUS, BY THE TESTIMONY  
14 HERE, THAT THERE'S SIGNIFICANT PASSION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE  
15 ISSUE AND THE FACT THAT AT LEAST, YOU KNOW, THE ADDITIONAL  
16 TESTIMONY IN A COUPLE WEEKS I THINK WILL BE -- WE'D ALL BE  
17 WELL SERVED BY IT. SO I DON'T KNOW, YOU KNOW, IT MAY BE THAT  
18 THERE'S NO SUPPORT FOR CONTINUANCE BUT, IF THERE IS, I THINK  
19 THEN WE SHOULD DO THAT AND CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT I'M GOING TO-- I'M GOING TO MOVE A CALL  
22 FOR THE QUESTION AND WE HAVE THE MOST, WE'LL PASS IT. IF NOT,  
23 WE'LL CONTINUE IT TWO WEEKS.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND  
2    BEFORE US FOR A CONTINUANCE AND WE'LL JUST DO A ROLL CALL ON  
3    THAT. YOU'VE GOT TO DO THE CONTINUANCE. THAT'S YOUR MOTION,  
4    RIGHT?

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA:** CALL THE QUESTION, MIKE.

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8    **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** TO CALL THE QUESTION.

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10    **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** CALL THE QUESTION IS-- ALL THAT CALL  
11    THE QUESTION MEANS IS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS WANTING TO VOTE.  
12    MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION IS HOW YOU CUT OFF DEBATE BUT THE  
13    ONLY QUESTION THAT WAS RAISED IS WE HAVE NEVER DENIED A  
14    CONTINUANCE ON AN ITEM THAT WAS NOT OF AN URGENCY ACTION THAT  
15    HAD TO BE TAKEN AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME. THIS ITEM IS NOT  
16    GOING TO BE DETERMINED EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR WHEREVER  
17    TOMORROW OR THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE FOLLOWING MONTH AND, TO  
18    DENY INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO COME DOWN TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM OF  
19    A FUTURE ACTION THAT A LEGISLATIVE BODY WILL TAKE, IS A FAIR  
20    DUE PROCESS AND THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.  
21    AND I HAVE, IN MY 24 YEARS HERE, 23 YEARS, I'VE NEVER SEEN  
22    WHERE WE HAD TO HAVE A RUSH TO JUDGMENT ON SOME PARTICULAR  
23    ISSUE TO DENY PUBLIC DEBATE. YOU KNOW? I MEAN, THAT'S THE  
24    PUBLIC'S RIGHT.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WE HAVE THE MOTION BEFORE US FOR A  
2    TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. CALL THE ROLL.

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4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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6    **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU SAID A MOTION BEFORE US?

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8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE MOTION IS TO CONTINUE FOR TWO WEEKS  
9    BEFORE THE REAL...

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11    **SUP. MOLINA:** MAKE A SEPARATE MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION?

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13    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE QUESTION BEING THE MOTION TO CONTINUE.  
14    THAT'S THE ONLY MOTION ON...

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16    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CALL THE QUESTION MEANS JUST TO VOTE...

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18    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT WE HAD A MOTION TO-- I THOUGHT WE  
19    HAD OUR MOTION BEFORE US, BUT EITHER WAY, DOESN'T -- I MEAN, I  
20    WOULD ASK...

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22    **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN, I GUESS, IN OTHER WORDS, FOR THE  
23    CONTINUANCE-- SO THAT'S BEFORE US. SO I WOULD VOTE NO.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BY THE MOTION-- IF THAT FAILS, THEN THE  
2    ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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4    **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I VOTE "NO" ON THE CONTINUANCE.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU HEARD THAT?

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8    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, I DID. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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10    **SUP. BURKE:** ABSTAIN.

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12    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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14    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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16    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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20    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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22    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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24    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE VOTE IS THREE TO TWO.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO. TWO, TWO.

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3    **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** NO. TWO, TWO AND AN ABSTENTION.

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5    **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. TWO AND AN ABSTENTION SO...

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7    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, WHO ABSTAINED?

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9    **SUP. BURKE:** I DID.

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11    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY.

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13    **SUPERVISOR MOLINA:** SO IT DOESN'T PASS.

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15    **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** SO IT DOESN'T PASS.

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17    **SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I MOVE THE AGENDA ITEM.

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19    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

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21    **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. SECOND. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO JUST SPEAK

22    ON THE ITEM JUST VERY BRIEFLY. FIRST OF ALL, I AM VERY

23    RESPECTFUL OF THE ISSUES OF PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS WAS POSTED

24    LAST WEEK. IT WAS ANNOUNCED. I DON'T KNOW, MR. ANTONOVICH, IF

25    YOU HAVE CONTACT WITH EVERYONE IN THE WORLD THAT WANTED TO



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1 COME TODAY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND FOUND OUT THAT YOU HAD  
2 DECIDED TO CONTINUE IT, SO CONSEQUENTLY DIDN'T COME TO ADDRESS  
3 THE ISSUE. I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE. BUT IT DOESN'T PREVENT  
4 THEM FROM COMING NEXT WEEK OR THE FOLLOWING WEEK OR ANY WEEK  
5 TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ISSUE. THE REASON THAT I THINK IT'S  
6 IMPORTANT AND WHAT I'M EVEN TROUBLED BY MORE THAN ANYTHING  
7 ELSE THAN THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION IS THE FACT THAT,  
8 RIGHT NOW, IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE SO  
9 MANY SIGNIFICANT ISSUES THAT ARE GOING UNADDRESSED BY THE  
10 PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS COUNTRY,  
11 ISSUES THAT WE ARE STRUGGLING WITH EVERY SINGLE DAY. CERTAINLY  
12 THE ECONOMY IS ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUES. IT'S AFFECTING  
13 US DRAMATICALLY IN THE DECISIONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING  
14 IN THE COMING MONTHS ON OUR BUDGET ARE GOING TO HAVE A  
15 TREMENDOUS IMPACT AND A LOT OF IT IS THE ECONOMY. BUT, BECAUSE  
16 OF IT, WE ARE GOING TO BE MAKING DECISIONS THAT ARE GOING TO  
17 AFFECT PEOPLE'S LIVES VERY DRAMATICALLY. THE ISSUES OF  
18 HEALTHCARE. I HAVEN'T HAD ONE WORD FROM THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE  
19 ISSUES OF HEALTHCARE, AND PARTICULARLY THE INDIGENT AND THE  
20 POOR AND HOW THESE ISSUES ARE BEING ADDRESSED. AND IT COULD GO  
21 ON. PUBLIC EDUCATION. THE HOUSING CRISIS THAT WE HAVE. YOU  
22 NAME IT, THERE ARE SO MANY ISSUES OUT THERE. AND WHY HE HAS  
23 CHOSEN TO TAKE ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME IS VERY DISCOURAGING  
24 TO ME, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT ABOUT  
25 THE PRESSING ISSUES OF THE DAY. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE





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1 PEOPLE WHO MAY TURN AROUND AND BE HARMED AND VICTIMIZED BY THE  
2 POTENTIAL OF HOW THE RHETORIC IS GOING TO RISE ON THIS ISSUE  
3 IS ALSO VERY TROUBLING TO ME. DEFINING THE FAMILY IS TOUGH FOR  
4 ANYBODY. BUT WHY WE WOULD WANT TO GET INTO A NATIONAL DEBATE  
5 CAN ONLY BE HARMFUL, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME. INSTEAD OF ALLOWING  
6 PEOPLE TO PURSUE THEIR OWN FEELINGS AND SENTIMENTS AND  
7 CERTAINLY THEIR OWN LOVE ABOUT AND DEFINING THE FAMILY FOR  
8 THEMSELVES. THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD ALLOW THEM TO DO AND I FEEL  
9 VERY STRONGLY ABOUT IT AND THAT'S WHY I FEEL VERY STRONGLY  
10 THAT WE SHOULD OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS  
11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. MAYBE, IF MANY OF US GET TOGETHER  
12 AND DEMONSTRATE, AS WE'RE DOING TODAY, NOT A HUGE THING, YOU  
13 KNOW, FAIRLY SYMBOLIC, MAYBE THE WHITE HOUSE WILL LISTEN AND  
14 BACK AWAY FROM THIS INSTEAD OF CREATING SOMETHING SO VERY  
15 DIVISIVE AND MAYBE FINDING WAYS THAT WE CAN ROLL UP OUR  
16 SLEEVES, WORK TOGETHER AND FIND THOSE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN  
17 FAMILIES AND TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES INSTEAD OF JUST  
18 DEFINING WHAT A FAMILY IS. AND, FINALLY, I THINK THAT, IF WE  
19 WERE JUST TO PUT OUR FINGER UP AND LOOK AT THE POLITICAL  
20 SENTIMENT OF THE COUNTRY, AND THERE'S SOME PEOPLE, AND I'M  
21 SURE THAT, IN THE WEEKS TO COME THERE WILL BE PEOPLE THAT WILL  
22 COME AND BLAST ME AND REMIND ME ABOUT READING THE BIBLE AND  
23 DOING OTHER KINDS OF THINGS AS I MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE MY  
24 DECISION ON THIS, I AM TROUBLED THAT, AGAIN, MANY YEARS AGO,  
25 PEOPLE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DEFINED MARRIAGE, AS WELL, IN



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1 RACIAL TERMS. INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE WAS INAPPROPRIATE AND  
2 WRONG. AND SO WE HAVE TO STAND FIRM AND STAND STRONG, MAYBE  
3 ONLY SYMBOLICALLY, BUT I THINK IT'S A VERY MEANINGFUL  
4 STATEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT AND OTHERS NEED TO HEAR. AND IT'S  
5 NOT THE KIND -- IT'S NOT THE ISSUE THAT WE SHOULD BE INVOLVED  
6 IN CONSIDERING THE KIND OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CRISIS THAT WE  
7 ARE IN, IN THIS COUNTRY. THERE ARE MANY ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE  
8 ADDRESSED. I AM ONE OF THOSE THAT IS STILL WAITING, WHETHER IT  
9 BE FROM SACRAMENTO OR FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE CONGRESS AS  
10 TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THE PRESSING NEEDS HERE AT A  
11 LOCAL LEVEL. SO I AM WILLING TO SUPPORT THIS. I THINK IT SENDS  
12 A STRONG MESSAGE AND I THINK IT'S VERY APPROPRIATE AND I AM  
13 WILLING, MORE THAN WILLING, TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO COME NEXT WEEK  
14 AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I HAVE NO  
15 PROBLEM IN LISTENING TO THEIR CONCERNS AND/OR AS THEIR  
16 CRITICISMS AS TO HOW I MOVE FORWARD AND VOTE ON THIS ISSUE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, JUST LET ME CLARIFY THE  
19 REASON FOR, THE REQUEST FOR THE CONTINUANCE. IT HAD NOTHING TO  
20 DO WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU KNOW, THINKING THAT HE HAD  
21 THE VOTES FOR A CONTINUANCE. THE ISSUE CAME ABOUT, WAS NO  
22 DIFFERENT THAN IN THE DAYS OF THE CLINTON/GORE YEARS WHEN YOU  
23 ALL GOT INVITATIONS WHEN THE PRESIDENT OR THE VICE PRESIDENT  
24 WAS IN TOWN. LATE FRIDAY, WE WERE EXTENDED THAT INVITATION  
25 AND, YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY, DURING THE DAY, MIDDLE OF THE DAY,



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1 AND BECAUSE THAT I FIGURED THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF SPEAKERS ON  
2 THIS ISSUE ON BOTH FOR AND AGAINST, AND THAT'S WHAT THE PUBLIC  
3 PROCESS WAS ABOUT, I THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE ITEM  
4 BECAUSE, AT THE ORIGINAL TIME THAT WE HAD TO LEAVE, WE WOULD  
5 HAVE BEEN GONE BY THAT TIME. THEY HAVE SINCE CHANGED THAT  
6 TIME. THAT'S ALL THE REASON FOR THE CONTINUANCE. IT WAS NOT TO  
7 STYMIE DEBATE, NOT TO DELAY THE ACTION, NOT TO DO ANYTHING,  
8 BUT SOMETHING AT THE LAST MINUTE CAME UP, IT HAS COME UP SO  
9 OFTEN ON THIS BOARD, WHERE WE'VE ALL BEEN EXTENDED VARIOUS  
10 INVITATIONS AND HAVE TO LEAVE AND GO DO SOMETHING. SO THAT'S  
11 THE REASON FOR THE CONTINUANCE, NOT THAT, YOU KNOW, WE WANTED  
12 TO DELAY THE VOTE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. IT ORIGINALLY CAME  
13 OUT OF MY OFFICE AND THEN ZEV AND I HAD A CONVERSATION AND I  
14 DIDN'T REALLY COMMUNICATE UNTIL LATE LAST NIGHT WHEN I CALLED  
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS VICTORY,  
16 FOUND OUT THAT HE HAD TOLD SPEAKERS NOT TO COME DOWN TODAY ON  
17 THE ISSUE. SO THAT'S THE REASON FOR THE CONTINUANCE. NO MORE.  
18 DON'T READ ANYTHING INTO IT. IT WAS A SIMPLE ACTION BECAUSE WE  
19 HAD A LAST-MINUTE INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
20 STATES.

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S  
23 ANY URGENCY BUT I GATHER THERE'S SOME QUESTION IN TERMS OF  
24 TRYING TO PUT THIS WHOLE THING TO REST IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC  
25 MIND. AND, AS AN ATTORNEY AND AS SOMEONE WHO HAS LOOKED AT



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1 SOME OF THESE CASES, WHERE BASICALLY THIS ISSUE ORIGINATED  
2 FROM THIS WHOLE CONCEPT OF PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO PROHIBIT  
3 INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE ON THIS IDEA, AND THE SAME ARGUMENTS ARE  
4 MADE THAT, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE IN AFRICA WERE ONE COLOR, PEOPLE  
5 IN EUROPE ANOTHER COLOR, AND PEOPLE IN ASIA, A DIFFERENT  
6 COLOR, AND IF GOD WANTED THEM TO MIX, HE WOULD HAVE HAD THEM  
7 ALL IN ONE PLACE IN THE WORLD. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, THIS KIND OF  
8 THING IS WHERE MOST OF THE LAW ORIGINATED FROM AND,  
9 FORTUNATELY, IT DIDN'T GET INTO THE CONSTITUTION BUT IT COULD  
10 VERY WELL HAVE GOTTEN INTO THE CONSTITUTION. AND WE WOULD HAVE  
11 HAD A CONSTITUTION TODAY WHERE PEOPLE WOULD BE, PARTICULARLY  
12 HERE IN CALIFORNIA, WHERE YOU HAVE SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF  
13 PEOPLE WHO ARE OF MIXED RACE, WOULD ALL BE SUBJECT TO CRIMES,  
14 YOU KNOW? AND THAT'S THE UNFORTUNATE PART ABOUT SOME OF THIS  
15 KIND OF LEGISLATING WHAT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IS MORALITY AND  
16 WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS. NOW, RECENTLY, I GUESS SOME PEOPLE WHO  
17 ARE SCHOLARS OF THE BIBLE SAY THAT REALLY WHAT WAS BEING  
18 TAUGHT WAS THAT YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE DIVORCE AND DIVORCE SHOULD  
19 BE THE GREAT CRIME AND THAT DIVORCE IS A MORAL SIN. SO SOME OF  
20 THESE THINGS GET TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PUT INTO OUR BASIC  
21 HUMAN RIGHTS IN TERMS OF OUR CONSTITUTION. I HAVE NO PROBLEM  
22 IF PEOPLE WANT TO COME, WHETHER IT'S NEXT WEEK OR THE  
23 FOLLOWING WEEK AND THEY WANT TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS AND  
24 THEIR PUBLIC COMMENT, I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO BRINGING  
25 THEIR COMMENTS UP EARLIER IN THE MEETING SO THAT THEY HAVE A



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1 CHANCE TO EXPRESS THOSE. I HAVE A FEELING THEY'LL BE  
2 EXPRESSING THEM FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OR SO BUT I ALSO  
3 THINK, IF IT'S -- I'M NOT AWARE THAT THERE IS A REAL URGENCY,  
4 BUT IF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS TAKING THE POSITION THAT HE  
5 FEELS THAT WE SHOULD GET THIS OUT OF THE WAY AND NOT HAVE IT  
6 CONTINUALLY ON OUR CALENDAR BECAUSE IT'S JUST GOING TO  
7 AGGRAVATE THINGS AND CAUSE FURTHER DISCUSSION, MAYBE WE SHOULD  
8 PUT IT TO BED. I'M WILLING TO JUST VOTE FOR IT. OBVIOUSLY, I  
9 WOULD VOTE THE SAME WAY NO MATTER WHEN IT COMES UP, SO I WOULD  
10 JUST AS SOON VOTE NOW. I WOULD HAVE RATHER US EITHER HAVE  
11 TESTIMONY NOW AND VOTE NOW OR TESTIMONY LATER AND VOTE LATER,  
12 BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SEEMED VERY STRONG IN HIS BELIEF  
13 THAT HE NEEDED TO HAVE TESTIMONY NOW AND THEN HAVE TESTIMONY  
14 AGAIN. I THOUGHT I WAS CLEAR IN SAYING WE EITHER HAVE  
15 TESTIMONY NOW AND VOTE OR PUT IT OVER AND HAVE TESTIMONY, ONE  
16 OR THE TWO. HE ELECTED TO HAVE TESTIMONY NOW AND I PERSONALLY  
17 AM READY TO VOTE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I JUST, I MEAN, JUST SO IT'S  
20 CLARIFIED, I MEAN, THE REASON FOR THE CONTINUANCE HAD NOTHING  
21 TO DO WITH PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES, YVONNE.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AGREE WITH THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WANT TO  
24 JUST MAKE CLEAR...

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I MEAN, I WASN'T TRYING TO EXTEND THE  
2    DEBATE OR KEEP IT COMING BACK ON THE CALENDAR.

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4    **SUP. BURKE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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6    **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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8    **SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I JUST SAY THAT...

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10   **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WHEN IT CAME TO IT, WE COULD HAVE EVEN  
11   CONTINUED THE WHOLE THING WITHOUT ANY DEBATE BUT HE WANTED TO  
12   HAVE PEOPLE SPEAK NOW AND THEN LATER PUT IT OVER AND HAVE  
13   PEOPLE SPEAK AGAIN. THAT'S WHERE I GOT...

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15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, THERE'S ANOTHER-- OKAY. THERE WERE  
16   OTHER SPEAKERS THAT DIDN'T SHOW UP.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I COULD JUST SAY, BRIEFLY,  
19   FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO AGREE WITH YOU AND JUST MAKE SURE IF  
20   THERE IS ANY MISUNDERSTANDING THAT, IF ANYTHING, IT IS SIMPLY  
21   A MISCOMMUNICATION AND I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING THAT  
22   EITHER YOU OR MR. ANTONOVICH-- YOU DID GET AN INVITATION AT A  
23   LATE DATE AFTER THIS WAS POSTED AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND I  
24   DON'T SEE ANY OTHER MOTIVES BEHIND THIS, I REALLY DON'T, AND I  
25   DON'T THINK ANYBODY SHOULD READ ANYTHING INTO IT. HOWEVER, IT





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1 HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA. I READ IT INTO THE AGENDA LAST TUESDAY  
2 AND IT IS NOT TRUE THAT WE HAVE NEVER FAILED TO CONTINUE  
3 ITEMS. SOMETIMES WE DON'T. IN FACT, THERE WAS AN EFFORT NOT TO  
4 CONTINUE OUR POSITION ON 57 AND 58.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU CONTINUED THAT A COUPLE TIMES.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DID BUT IT WAS A 3-TO-2 VOTE. BUT, DON,  
9 NOT TO REOPEN THAT ONE, BUT HERE'S MY REASON AND I THINK IT'S  
10 PRETTY CLEAR. THERE'S A LOT OF CONCERN IN THE COMMUNITY AT  
11 LARGE, NOT JUST IN THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY, BUT IN THE  
12 COMMUNITY AT LARGE, I THINK THAT'S PRETTY CLEAR, ABOUT THIS  
13 ISSUE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. LEAVE ASIDE THE ISSUE,  
14 AS LORRI JEAN SAID EARLIER, OF MARRIAGE AND EVERYONE CAN HAVE  
15 THEIR VIEWS ON THAT AND THAT'S A VIEW THAT WILL BE EXHAUSTED  
16 IN THE COURTS IN THE DAYS AHEAD. BUT, ON THE ISSUE OF THE  
17 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, BECAUSE, ACTUALLY, IF WE WAITED TWO  
18 WEEKS, THIS BOARD'S POSITION MIGHT BE MOOT, PASS , AND  
19 EVERYTHING ELSE. WHEN I SEE THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR OF OUR  
20 STATE SAYING, AND I QUOTE, "I HAVE NO USE FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL  
21 AMENDMENT," UNQUOTE, AND, BY THE WAY, WE CAN GO BACK TO  
22 YESTERDAY'S PAPER AND READ WHAT HE HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE  
23 SUBJECT OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, WHICH I THINK WAS AN EYE-OPENER  
24 TO A LOT OF PEOPLE, THIS ISSUE IS DYNAMIC AND IT DEMANDS, IN  
25 MY VIEW, A RESPONSE. AND THAT'S WHY LAST TUESDAY, A WEEK AGO



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1 YESTERDAY, WHEN I WAS WATCHING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES ON TELEVISION MAKE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE  
3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, MY REACTION IMMEDIATELY WAS TO CALL  
4 MY CHIEF OF STAFF AND SAY, "LET'S PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA AND  
5 TAKE A POSITION AGAINST IT." I WAS -- I DON'T WANT TO ENGAGE  
6 IN RHETORIC, BUT I WAS PERSONALLY-- THIS IS NOT WHAT THE  
7 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCESS MEANS TO ME. I MEAN, THERE  
8 ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT, ONCE YOU GO DOWN THAT ROAD, MAYBE  
9 OUTLAW DIVORCE IN THE CONSTITUTION, MAYBE OUTLAW ADULTERY IN  
10 THE CONSTITUTION. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT PEOPLE HAVE  
11 OPINIONS ABOUT. THE CONSTITUTION HAS ONLY BEEN AMENDED 17  
12 TIMES OR THEREABOUTS IN OVER 200 YEARS. AND SO I BROUGHT THAT  
13 MOTION IN. IT'S BEEN POSTED. I DID NOT ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO  
14 COME DOWN HERE. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE CAME HERE ON THEIR OWN  
15 TO TESTIFY AND I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON THIS. AND  
16 IF -- AND I AGREE THAT, IF PEOPLE WANT TO BE HEARD IN AN  
17 ORGANIZED PASSION, MR. ANTONOVICH HAS CONSTITUENTS OR PEOPLE  
18 WHO HAVE CONTACTED HIM, I'M HAPPY TO MAKE IT A SPECIAL ITEM ON  
19 THE AGENDA SO THAT THEY CAN BE HEARD. THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE.  
20 BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO CHANGE MY MIND-- I KNOW IT'S  
21 NOT GOING TO CHANGE MY MIND. THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE FOR  
22 ME AND I DON'T THINK IT IS FOR ANYBODY AT THIS TABLE, EITHER.  
23 I THINK, WHATEVER POSITIONS WE ALL TAKE, WE TAKE BECAUSE OF  
24 OUR CONVICTIONS AND MY CONVICTION IS VERY STRONG ABOUT THIS.  
25 AND THE SIGNAL IT WOULD SEND, AND THIS IS MY CONCERN, MR.



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1 CHAIRMAN, TO DELAY THIS BY TWO WEEKS, EVEN IF IT'S FOR THIS  
2 REASON, WHICH WE ALL KNOW IS A LEGITIMATE CONCERN, I'M NOT  
3 SURE THE PUBLIC WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S A LEGITIMATE  
4 CONCERN AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO MOVE FORWARD ON IT. NOW, THE  
5 LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS JUST ON THE MERITS OF THE SUBJECT.  
6 I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT WHAT'S IN THE MOTION AND I DON'T WANT  
7 TO REPEAT WHAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, MS. MOLINA AND MS.  
8 BURKE, BUT I THINK IT'S -- I THINK THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
9 AMENDMENT PROCESS HAS ALWAYS BEEN USED TO ENHANCE RIGHTS, TO  
10 EMBELLISH RIGHTS, TO BUILD ON THE CONSTITUTION, TO EXPAND THE  
11 RIGHTS BESTOWED UPON US BY THE CONSTITUTION. THAT'S WHAT THE  
12 BILL OF RIGHTS WAS ALL ABOUT AND THAT'S WHAT THE SUBSEQUENT  
13 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION HAVE BEEN ALL ABOUT, WITH THE  
14 EXCEPTION OF PROHIBITION, WHICH SHORTLY AFTER-- IN THE  
15 HISTORICAL SCHEME OF THINGS, SHORTLY AFTER IT WAS PUT IN THE  
16 CONSTITUTION, IT WAS REPEALED. THE CONSTITUTION DOESN'T  
17 PROHIBIT. IT BESTOWS RIGHTS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS BUT  
18 RIGHTS AND THAT'S, TO ME, WHAT THIS PROCESS SHOULD BE LEFT  
19 FOR. THERE ARE A THOUSAND AND ONE OTHER THINGS WE NEED TO BE  
20 DOING WITH OUR TIME AND THAT THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
21 NEEDS TO BE DOING WITH ITS TIME AND THAT THE LEGISLATURES OF  
22 THIS COUNTRY NEED TO BE DOING WITH THEIR TIME OTHER THAN  
23 DEBATING WHETHER TO CONSTRAIN RIGHTS IN THE CONSTITUTION. WE  
24 ALL KNOW WHY IT WAS DONE. WE ALL HAVE OPINIONS ON WHY IT WAS  
25 DONE. I HAVE MINE. AND I JUST -- I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS



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1 KIND OF A DIVISIVE DEBATE IN THIS NATION AT THIS TIME IS GOING  
2 TO ADD ANOTHER JOB, PUT ANOTHER DOLLAR IN OUR HEALTHCARE  
3 SYSTEM, PUT ANOTHER DOLLAR IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO  
4 COVER THE COSTS OF OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, DEAL WITH THE  
5 UNFUNDED MANDATES THAT WE HAVE FROM BOTH WASHINGTON AND  
6 SACRAMENTO. NONE OF THOSE THINGS ARE ADDRESSED BY THIS DEBATE.  
7 AND, FOR THAT REASON, I JUST -- I WANT TO SEND THAT MESSAGE  
8 OUT. I THINK THE BOARD SHOULD SEND THAT MESSAGE OUT TODAY. I  
9 DON'T FAULT MR. ANTONOVICH. IT WAS NOT -- AND I DON'T WANT HIM  
10 TO FEEL IT, BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, I DON'T THINK I SHOULD BE  
11 FAULTED, HAVING AGENDIZED THIS THING, AND, OF COURSE, WITH OUR  
12 RULES, EIGHT DAYS AHEAD OF TIME. PEOPLE EXPECT THAT WE'RE  
13 GOING TO ACT ON IT. ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS, I WOULD LIKE TO  
14 SEE US ACT ON IT. SO I WOULD MOVE FOR APPROVAL OF THE MOTION.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YES. OKAY.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN? THERE ARE TWO ISSUES I WOULD  
19 RESPOND TO. ONE IS FAIRNESS. THE FAIRNESS IS TO ALLOW THE  
20 PUBLIC, WHO ELECT US, TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS  
21 THEMSELVES PRIOR TO AN ACTION BEING TAKEN. IF AN URGENCY  
22 OCCURS, THEN WE MUST MOVE FORWARD AND TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO  
23 PREVENT A LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. WHAT WE HAVE TODAY IS AN  
24 ATTEMPT TO MARCH IN FRONT OF A POLITICAL PARADE ON AN ISSUE  
25 THAT WILL NOT BE DETERMINED BY TODAY'S ACTION. IT'S ONLY A



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1 WILLINGNESS OF SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSAL. SO IT'S A  
2 MATTER OF FAIRNESS TO THE PUBLIC, THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
3 ADDRESS THEIR LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO AN ACTION  
4 BEING TAKEN. AND ANOTHER POINT. THE PRESIDENT DID NOT CREATE  
5 THIS ISSUE. THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS PASSED ON A 342-TO-67  
6 VOTE IN THE HOUSE AND, IN THE SENATE, 65-TO-14 VOTES TO  
7 SUPPORT DEFINING MARRIAGE FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL LAW AS A  
8 LEGAL ACTION-- UNION BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN AS HUSBAND  
9 AND WIFE. THAT LEGISLATION WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE PREVIOUS  
10 PRESIDENT, BILL CLINTON. IN CALIFORNIA, IN THE YEAR 2000,  
11 THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT, NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTE, VOTING  
12 THAT A UNION BETWEEN MAN AND WIFE WAS CONSTITUTING THE  
13 MARRIAGE. YOU HAD AN ACTION TAKEN, AN ILLEGAL ACTION IN  
14 VIOLATION OF STATE LAW BY A LOCAL OFFICIAL IN SAN FRANCISCO.  
15 IN MASSACHUSETTS, YOU HAD AN ACTION TAKEN, NOT BY THE  
16 LEGISLATURE BUT BY A COURT ON A VERY -- I THINK IT WAS A 4-TO-  
17 3 DECISION. SO WHAT HAPPENED IS THE PRESIDENT'S RESPONDING TO  
18 THOSE ACTIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A SENSE OF ANARCHY  
19 WHERE ANYONE CAN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT IN VIOLATION OF A LAW  
20 BECAUSE OF THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO  
21 INSTEAD OF ABIDING BY THE LAW. THE CONSTITUTION, I BELIEVE THE  
22 LAST TIME IT WAS AMENDED, WAS AMENDED TO DEAL WITH  
23 LEGISLATORS' SALARIES. LEGISLATIVE SALARIES. THIS ISSUE DOES  
24 NOT COMPARE TO LEGISLATIVE SALARIES. AND YOU HAVE A THREE-  
25 BRANCH GOVERNMENT, AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAS ACTED,



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1 AND OUR STATE, OUR STATE PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE HAVE VOTED ON IT  
2 NEARLY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE, AND NOW WE'RE SAYING THAT WE CAN  
3 IGNORE THE LAW AND MOVE FORWARD. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S THE  
4 PROPER WAY TO GO. ON THAT ACCOUNT AND ON THE FIRST ACCOUNT ON  
5 THE ISSUE OF FAIRNESS AND ALLOWING THE PERSON THEIR DAY IN  
6 COURT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, ALL POINTS OF VIEWS, BEFORE A  
7 DECISION IS FINALIZED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US, AND I  
10 JUST FINALLY WOULD SAY, ZEV, I UNDERSTAND YOUR SENSE OF  
11 URGENCY IN THIS BUT IT WASN'T BUT A FEW WEEKS AGO, I BELIEVE  
12 THE QUOTE WAS FROM YOU, AND WE WERE DEBATING THE ISSUE OF 57  
13 AND 58, THAT YOU REALLY DOUBTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BOARD'S  
14 ACTION IN TRYING TO DO SOMETHING THIS EARLY. AND SO I JUST, AS  
15 A FRIENDLY REMINDER.

16

17 **SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY:** [INDISTINCT]

18

19 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, YEAH. MY GOLLY. AND IT WASN'T,  
20 I THINK IT WAS OVER A PERIOD OF TWO OR THREE WEEKS, IT'S JUST  
21 A FRIGGIN' MIRACLE. ANYWAY, OKAY, SO LET'S CALL ROLL CALL.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.





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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES, 3-TO-2.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 3-TO-2. OKAY. I'VE GOT TO RUN THE BOARD

21 MEETING. IF YOU CAN FIX THE COMPUTER, THOUGH, THAT WOULD BE

22 NICE. NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 13. WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

23 SIGNED UP. OKAY. WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SIGNED UP

24 TO SPEAK. DAVID NAFTALIN, IF I SAID THAT CORRECTLY, HOPEFULLY;



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1 JOHN RIZZO, AND DONALD KLEIN. OKAY. GO AHEAD, PLEASE. DAVID,  
2 DO YOU WANT TO -- UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME SPEAKING ORDER.

3

4 **DAVID NAFTALIN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DAVID NAFTALIN. I  
5 REPRESENT THE MARINA TENANTS ASSOCIATION AND ITS OVER 100  
6 SUPPORTING MEMBERS AND IT'S-- GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THE  
7 MARINA TENANTS ASSOCIATION OPPOSES THE PROPOSED TRANSFER. THE  
8 PROPOSED TRANSFER IS ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL OF THIS  
9 COUNTY'S POLICY REGARDING DEVELOPMENT IN MARINA DEL REY. THE  
10 POLICY IS TO DEVELOP ALL AVAILABLE LAND AS DENSELY AS POSSIBLE  
11 AND TO EXTEND THE PRESENT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN MARINA DEL  
12 REY FAR INTO THE FUTURE. MANY FEEL THAT THESE LEASE EXTENSIONS  
13 AND RESTATED LEASES ARE IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED. ANOTHER BRICK  
14 IN THE WALL OF THE COUNTY'S POLICY IS THE SO-CALLED ASSET  
15 MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, WHICH ALSO SUPPORTS THIS DENSE  
16 DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA THERE. AND THE MARINA TENANTS  
17 ASSOCIATION SUBMITS THAT THE ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND THE  
18 PRESENT LEASE EXTENSION POLICY OF THE COUNTY SHOULD BE  
19 CAREFULLY REVIEWED TO SEE IF THEY REALLY SUPPORT THE GOAL OF  
20 MAINTAINING A BOATING FACILITY ACCESSIBLE TO FAMILY BOATERS  
21 AND THE BOATING PUBLIC AT LARGE, AND IF THE POLICY GENERALLY  
22 PROMOTES AN ACCESSIBLE AND OPEN MARINA, NOT OVERLY CONGESTED  
23 WITH PARKING AND OPEN SPACE FOR ALL. NOW, THE PARTICULAR  
24 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THIS KINGSWOOD LEASE SUFFERS FROM A  
25 NUMBER OF MATERIAL INFIRMITIES. I WANT TO REFER THE BOARD TO



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1 MY LETTER, TO THE SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION OF APRIL 10,  
2 2004 [SIC], WHICH I HOPE IS PART OF THE RECORD.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, IT IS.

5

6 **DAVID NAFTALIN:** THANK YOU. GOOD.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S PART OF THE BACKUP FROM THE DEPARTMENT  
9 HEAD.

10

11 **DAVID NAFTALIN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I'M GLAD TO KNOW  
12 THAT, JUST IN CASE YOU GUYS SHOULD APPROVE THIS, THIS  
13 TRANSFER. THE PROBLEMS WITH THE TRANSFER INCLUDE THE  
14 FOLLOWING: THERE'S INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THE  
15 PUBLIC AND/OR THE BOARD TO MAKE THIS DETERMINATION. THE  
16 ECONOMIC TERMS APPEAR NOT TO PROTECT THE ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF  
17 THE COUNTY AND THE TRANSFERRING LESSEE IS RECEIVING  
18 REMUNERATION TO WHICH IT IS NOT ENTITLED UNDER THE LEASE WHICH  
19 CONSTITUTES A GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. AND I THINK THAT THERE'S--  
20 IT APPEARS TO BE INFLATIONARY TO THE USERS AND I MIGHT REMIND  
21 YOU THAT A GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS CAN-- THAT A SUPERVISOR OR  
22 PUBLIC OFFICIAL THAT APPROVES SUCH A GIFT CAN BE HELD  
23 PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR ITS RESTORATION. THIS LEASE SHOULD BE  
24 LET OUT FOR PUBLIC BIDDING AND I ALSO REFER YOU TO THE OTHER  
25 GROUNDS MENTIONED IN MY LETTER. WE URGE YOU TO REJECT THIS



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1 PROPOSAL UNTIL THESE MATERIAL INFIRMITIES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

2 THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOHN.

5

6 **JOHN RIZZO:** JOHN RIZZO, PRESIDENT OF MARINA TENANTS  
7 ASSOCIATION. THE MARINA TENANTS ASSOCIATION IS OPPOSED TO THE  
8 TRANSFER AND THE EXTENSION OF THE KINGSWOOD. HERE ARE SOME OF  
9 THE REASONS WHY: THE KINGSWOOD LEASE WAS BID OUT TO THE  
10 KINGSWOOD SO THAT THEY WOULD GET A FAIR RETURN ON THEIR  
11 INVESTMENT. THE COUNTY IS ALLOWING THE KINGSWOOD TO HAVE  
12 MARKET VALUE PROFITS WHICH ARE AN ILLEGAL GIFTS OF TENS OF  
13 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. PRICE CONTROLS THAT ARE MANDATORY ON  
14 PUBLIC LAND, SUCH AS THE MARINA, ARE NOT ENFORCED BECAUSE OF  
15 THIS CHANGE TO MARKET VALUE, THEY'RE NOT ENFORCEABLE.  
16 COMPARABLES THAT ARE USED ARE ALWAYS EVERYTHING IS COMPARABLE.  
17 OH, THE PRICES ARE REALLY NOT CONTROLLED. I THINK IF YOU ASK  
18 THE DIRECTOR HOW MANY PRICES HAVE EVER BEEN TURNED DOWN,  
19 YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASTONISHED BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE  
20 EVER TURNED ANYTHING DOWN. THEY ALSO, BY THE WAY, USE HIGH  
21 COMPARABLES FOR PRICES AND THEN, WHEN THE COUNTY GOES TO GET  
22 ITS LAND VALUE, WHEN THEY RENEGOTIATE THE LEASES IN THE MARINA  
23 SO THE COUNTY CAN GET ITS MONEY, THEY USE LOW COMPARABLES, SO  
24 THE COUNTY DOESN'T GET ITS MONEY IN THE MARINA, THE COUNTY  
25 DOESN'T GET ITS MONEY AT THE KINGSWOOD LAND RENEGOTIATIONS.



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1 THEY SAY THE LAND IN THE MARINA, ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY, IS  
2 \$10 TO \$15 A SQUARE FOOT. MEANWHILE, ALL THE LAND AROUND THE  
3 MARINA IS HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS A SQUARE FOOT. THIS IS A LOSS TO  
4 THE COUNTY OF BETWEEN \$25 AND \$50 MILLION. THERE'S DEFERRED  
5 MAINTENANCE ON ALL THESE BUILDINGS. THAT IS ANOTHER ILLEGAL  
6 PROFIT TO THE LESSEES. THE LEASE TRANSFER AT THE KINGSWOOD.  
7 THERE'S NOTHING IN THE CURRENT LEASE THAT ALLOWS THEM AN  
8 ADDITIONAL PROFIT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO GET AND IT'S ALSO  
9 GOING TO HURT THE, IF YOU EVER DO IT CORRECTLY, THE PRICE  
10 CONTROL MECHANISM. YOU KNOW, THEY'RE LOOKING NOW AT THE  
11 AIRPORT AND THE SHIPPING YARDS OR THE L.A.-- I MEAN, COME ON!  
12 I MEAN, DO YOU THINK THAT THE LAND IN MARINA DEL REY IS WORTH  
13 15 TO \$25 MILLION -- OR 15 TO \$25 A SQUARE FOOT? I MEAN, THE  
14 COUNTY DOES ALL THE PAPERWORK. THEY ALLOW THESE LESSEES TO RIP  
15 THE COUNTY OFF FOR 25 TO \$50 MILLION. THEY ALLOW NO PRICE  
16 CONTROLS, NO EFFECTIVE PRICE CONTROLS, WHICH ARE MANDATORY ON  
17 PUBLIC LAND SO THE PUBLIC CAN USE IT. IT'S IN THE STATE  
18 CONSTITUTION AND THAT IS ANOTHER 75 TO A HUNDRED MILLION  
19 DOLLARS. YOU MAKE THE CITY LOOK LIKE PIKERS WHEN THEY'RE  
20 RIPPING OFF THE PUBLIC. THIS IS WHERE THE BIG RIP-OFFS COME.  
21 THE MAFIA IN PITTSBURGH, WHERE I'M FROM, DOESN'T GET THAT MUCH  
22 MONEY AND YOU GET IT RIGHT OUT OF-- YOU ALLOW THEM TO HAVE IT  
23 RIGHT OUT OF THE MARINA!!  
24  
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, JOHN, DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP.



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**JOHN RIZZO:** TALK ABOUT -- TALK ABOUT WHAT THE PRESIDENT'S  
DOING AND ALL THE REST. THIS IS-- AND THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN  
COMING DOWN HERE FOR THE LAST 28 YEARS, TO REMIND YOU, THINK--  
YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IMPORTANT THINGS, IS IT THE THING ABOUT  
WHAT THE GAYS ARE DOING OR IS IT ABOUT THIS \$200 MILLION THAT  
YOU HAVE THE CONTROL OVER, THAT YOU'RE ALLOWING THESE RICH  
PEOPLE TO HAVE? YOU ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE RICH, YOUR  
FRIENDS, YOUR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION PEOPLE, BUT FOR THE POOR,  
THERE'S ALWAYS A STRUGGLE.

11

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. KLEIN?

13

**DONALD KLEIN:** HI, MY NAME IS DONALD KLEIN. I'M PRESIDENT OF  
THE COALITION TO SAVE THE MARINA. WE ARE OPPOSED TO AGENDA  
ITEM 13, THE PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF PARCEL 102-S, MARINA DEL  
REY. THE COALITION OF THE MARINA HEREBY ADOPT AND INCORPORATE,  
BY REFERENCE, THE CORRESPONDENCE DATED FEBRUARY 10TH, 2004, ON  
BEHALF OF THE MARINA TENANTS ASSOCIATION. ADDITIONALLY, AS YOU  
MAY BE AWARE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN REVIEW BY THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL  
COMMISSION. THIS REVIEW PROCESS IS ANTICIPATED TO BE UNDER WAY  
SOON BUT MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO COMPLETE. ACCORDINGLY, THE  
COALITION TO SAVE THE MARINA SUBMITS THAT IT WOULD BE  
INAPPROPRIATE TO EXTEND OR ASSIGN ANY LEASEHOLDS AND/OR





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1 APPROVE ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MARINA, IN MARINA  
2 DEL REY, UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE L.C.P. REVIEW IS  
3 COMPLETED. AS SUCH, AGAIN, WE REQUEST A MORATORIUM ON ALL  
4 EXTENSIONS, ASSIGNMENTS, BUILDINGS, AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
5 MARINA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL. A STATEMENT  
10 WAS MADE -- YOU'RE THE ATTORNEY, RIGHT?

11

12 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, I AM.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT THIS IS A GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. COULD YOU  
15 RESPOND TO THAT?

16

17 **RICHARD WEISS:** [INAUDIBLE] [INAUDIBLE]

18

19 **RICHARD WEISS:** ...HAS ALWAYS MADE REGARDING THE COUNTY HAVING  
20 ARTIFICIALLY LOW APPRAISALS OF THE PROPERTY. THAT HAS BEEN  
21 ANALYZED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERY EXTENSIVELY AND WE SIMPLY DO  
22 NOT AGREE. YOUR BOARD'S POLICIES REQUIRE APPRAISALS BEFORE ANY  
23 EXTENSION SO THAT A DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE AS TO THE VALUE  
24 AND AN EXTENSION FEE. THAT IS PROVIDED FOR IT IN THIS



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1 TRANSACTION, AS IN ALL THE PRIOR ONES, SO WE RESPECTFULLY DO  
2 NOT AGREE WITH THAT CONTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVE IT. MOVED BY  
5 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT  
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I'M GOING TO TURN THE GAVEL OVER TO  
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I BELIEVE ITEM 18 IS...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU WANT TO TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 18, THEN? ALL  
10 RIGHT. IT'S A 4-VOTE ITEM. THIS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
11 YAROSLAVSKY AND...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** ITEM 18.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S A 4-VOTE ITEM. MR. BAXTER?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I COULD ASK THE FIRE CHIEF TO COME UP FOR  
20 A BRIEF SECOND. I WON'T TAKE LONG.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CHIEF, WHILE YOU'RE COMING UP...

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. BAXTER, DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US?

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN THE MEASURE B CAMPAIGN, IN THE MEASURE B  
4    PROPOSITION, THE BOARD MADE A COMMITMENT, THE COUNTY MADE A  
5    COMMITMENT TO USE A PORTION OF THE FUNDS IN MEASURE B TO TRY  
6    TO FILL THREE HOLES IN THE TRAUMA NETWORK. ONE WAS IN THE  
7    ANTELOPE VALLEY, ONE WAS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND ONE  
8    WAS IN THE POMONA VALLEY PORTION OF L.A. COUNTY. IS THAT  
9    CORRECT?

10

11   **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THAT'S MY  
12   UNDERSTANDING.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THE PURCHASE OF THIS HELICOPTER THAT IS  
15   NOW BEFORE US, IS THAT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS KIND  
16   OF TRAUMA TRANSPORT SERVICE? IS IT YOUR-- ARE YOU ENVISIONING  
17   THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO USE YOUR RESOURCES, NOT JUST THIS ONE  
18   BUT, BECAUSE OF THIS ONE, YOUR OTHER RESOURCES TO PROVIDE FOR  
19   EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO TRAUMA INCIDENTS IN THOSE THREE AREAS?

20

21   **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR. IT WILL ACTUALLY  
22   ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO DO THAT BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE TWO  
23   HELICOPTERS DEDICATED TO THAT TYPE OF AIR TRANSPORT 24 HOURS A  
24   DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ESSENTIALLY, WHAT I WANT TO BE CLEAR IS  
2   WE ARE, THROUGH THIS PURCHASE, WE ARE MAKING GOOD ON THE  
3   COMMITMENT THAT WE MADE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY IN  
4   NOVEMBER OF 2002 ON THOSE THREE AREAS. IS THAT RIGHT?

5

6   **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. AND WHAT IT  
7   DOES IS IT ENHANCES, FIRST OF ALL, THE TRAUMA COVERAGE WITH  
8   THE HELICOPTER TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA, WHICH WAS  
9   SPECIFICALLY SPELLED OUT IN THE BALLOT LANGUAGE. IT ALSO WILL  
10   ENABLE US TO AUGMENT THE SERVICE THAT'S PROVIDED TO THE SAN  
11   GABRIEL VALLEY/POMONA AREA. SO THE ANSWER TO ALL OF YOUR  
12   QUESTIONS IS "YES."

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

15

16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. BAXTER?

17

18   **PETER BAXTER:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, MR.  
19   JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND I  
20   LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS  
21   AGENDA ITEM IS A JOINT RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FIRE CHIEF, THE  
22   DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
23   OFFICER. THE INTENTION IS TO USE THE HELICOPTER FOR BOTH  
24   TRAUMA SERVICES AS WELL AS FOR WATER DROPPING SERVICES, AS IN  
25   FIRE FIGHTING, AS I UNDERSTAND. IF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH



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1 SERVICES AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ARE BOTH  
2 RECOMMENDING THIS EXPENDITURE, THEN IT WOULD SEEM THAT BOTH  
3 ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT OF DROPPING  
4 WATER ON A BRUSH FIRE AS A MEANS OF FIREFIGHTING. THE  
5 EXPERIENCE OF THE RECENT OCTOBER/NOVEMBER FIRE STORMS WITH 22  
6 DEATHS, INCLUDING THAT OF A FIREFIGHTER, AND THE LOSS OF  
7 NEARLY 3,700 HOMES HAS DEMONSTRATED, ONCE AGAIN, THAT CURRENT  
8 METHODS OF FIGHTING FIRE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL. AMAZING PROGRESS  
9 HAS BEEN MADE IN MEDICAL SCIENCE IN THE LAST DECADE OR SO  
10 ALONE. AMAZING PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE COMPUTER  
11 SCIENCES. WE STILL EMPLOY THE SAME TECHNOLOGY TO FIGHT FIRE AS  
12 WAS EMPLOYED IN THE TIME OF THE ROMAN EMPEROR NERO AT THE  
13 GREAT FIRE IN ROME IN '64 A.D. THAT IS, WE USE WATER. WATER IS  
14 USED TO COOL THE SITE OF THE FIRE. WE HAVE AVAILABLE A TURBO  
15 JET ENGINE WHICH PRODUCES NONCOMBUSTIBLE GASSES WHICH CAN BE  
16 DIRECTED TOWARDS THE FIRE IN ORDER TO EXCLUDE OXYGEN FROM THAT  
17 FIRE. WE HAVE A VIDEO BY IMAX CORPORATION SHOWING AN OIL WELL  
18 FIRE IN KUWAIT BEING PUT OUT IN A TOTAL OF NINE SECONDS FROM  
19 THE FIRST APPLICATION OF THE EMISSIONS OF THAT ENGINE TO THE  
20 FINAL FLICKER OF FLAME RISING INTO THE DESERT SKY. MR. MERRITT  
21 HOLLOWAY, WHO HAS APPEARED BEFORE YOUR BOARD, HAS ASKED ON  
22 THREE OCCASIONS THAT THAT VIDEO SHOULD BE SHOWN IN THIS  
23 BOARDROOM. ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. THANK YOU,  
24 MR. CHAIRMAN. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT TO YOU, SIR, IF I MAY,  
25 THIS IS THE SECOND OCCASION WHEN THE FIRE CHIEF AND I HAVE SAT



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1 AT THIS PARTICULAR TABLE TOGETHER, THAT I RECALL. THE FIRE  
2 CHIEF HAS NEVER, EVER RESPONDED TO THIS QUESTION OF THE TURBO  
3 JET ENGINE IN A DIRECT WAY AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SCHOLARLY  
4 RETURN FROM SOMEBODY, NOT NECESSARILY THE FIRE CHIEF, HE'S GOT  
5 PLENTY TO DO ON WHAT HE'S GOT TO DO, BUT HE HAS THE AVAILABLE  
6 RESOURCES TO CALL UPON SOMEBODY WITH ABILITY TO ANALYZE WHAT  
7 I'M TALKING ABOUT WITH THE TURBO JET ENGINE. ALL OF WHICH IS  
8 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. I THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. OKAY. THE ITEM IS  
11 BEFORE US. YES? PARDON ME?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAY I SPEAK?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SURE. ABSOLUTELY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A QUESTION REAL QUICKLY. THIS PARTICULAR  
18 HELICOPTER, AGAIN, IS GOING TO BE FOR EXCLUSIVE USE. IS THAT  
19 WHAT YOU SAID?

20

21 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** NO, SUPERVISOR. THE HELICOPTER WILL ADD  
22 TO OUR FLEET, WHICH IS USED FOR BOTH PURPOSES.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND RIGHT NOW OUR FLEET IS MADE UP OF?

25





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1 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** TWO FIRE HAWK HELICOPTERS AND FOUR OF  
2 THE BELL 412 HELICOPTERS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, SO WHAT WE ARE  
5 SAYING IS THAT THERE'S AN ENHANCEMENT OF TRAUMA  
6 TRANSPORTATIONS BECAUSE OF THE UTILIZATION OR THE PURCHASING  
7 OF THIS HELICOPTER?

8

9 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, AND OUR  
10 FLEET IS USED INTERCHANGEABLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS  
11 HELICOPTER WILL BE USED INTERCHANGEABLY BUT IT DOES ADD OR  
12 ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE TRAUMA TRANSPORT, YES.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE, AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A  
15 SITUATION BUT WHEN YOU SAID OR SOMEBODY SAID IT WAS EXCLUSIVE,  
16 IT'S NOT?

17

18 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** NO, IT IS NOT, IT IS NOT. AND THE USE  
19 OF THAT WORD WAS CERTAINLY NOT ACCURATE IN THE SENSE THAT IT  
20 COVERS THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE IT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** SECOND.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION AND WITH MR.  
2   ANTONOVICH BEING ABSENT, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IT'S  
3   ALL YOURS.

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S THE 4-VOTE ITEM. WE  
6   TOOK CARE OF ITEM 18. NEXT WE HAVE ITEM NUMBER 25. MR.  
7   YAROSLAVSKY? YOU HELD THAT ITEM?

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I'M JUST LOOKING TO SEE WHICH ONE IT  
10   IS. YES. COULD I ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PEOPLE TO  
11   COME UP? WHEN I READ THE AGENDA ITEM, IT SAID THAT IT WAS  
12   RELATED TO SEDIMENT REMOVAL RELATED TO THE FIRES. AND I  
13   GATHER-- I DIDN'T READ THE ACTUAL BOARD REPORT, BUT I GATHER  
14   THAT, BECAUSE OF THE FIRES, THERE WAS A LOT OF SILT, A LOT OF  
15   MUD AND DIRT IS MOVED INTO THE DAM AND IT NEEDS TO BE REMOVED  
16   FOR FLOOD CONTROL PURPOSES. IS THAT A FAIR SUMMARY?

17

18   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** YES. MY NAME IS GARY HARTLEY. I'M DEPUTY  
19   DIRECTOR WITH L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE LAST  
20   CLEANOUT WE HAD OF SAN GABRIEL DAM ENDED IN 1980. SO IT'S BEEN  
21   ABOUT 24 YEARS SINCE WE'VE HAD ANY MAJOR REMOVAL OF SEDIMENT  
22   FROM SAN GABRIEL DAM. AS A RESULT OF THE CURB WILLIAM FIRE IN  
23   2002, APPROXIMATELY 30% OF THE WATERSHED BURNED. AND, AS  
24   YOU'RE WELL AWARE, WHEN WE HAVE A BURN ON A WATERSHED THAT'S  
25   UPSTREAM OF ONE OF OUR RESERVOIRS...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. HOLD ON A SECOND.  
3 THE FIRE IN 2002?

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5 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** CURB FIRE IN 2002.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS NOT RELATED TO THE FIRES OF LAST  
8 OCTOBER?

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10 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** NO, NO.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS A PREVIOUS FIRE?

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14 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** IT WAS THE YEAR BEFORE. WE HAD A MAJOR FIRE  
15 IN SAN GABRIEL WATERSHED, BURNED ABOUT 30% OF THE WATERSHED,  
16 AND THE WATERSHED TRIBUTARY TO THE SAN GABRIEL DAM IS THE  
17 LARGEST MOUNTAINOUS WATERSHED TRIBUTARY TO ANY OF OUR DAMS  
18 AND, OVER THAT 24-YEAR PERIOD, WE'VE ACCUMULATED SOMEWHERE IN  
19 THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 16 TO 18 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF SETTLEMENT  
20 IN THAT RESERVOIR. AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE, IT REALLY  
21 INCREASES THE POTENTIAL OF ADDITIONAL SEDIMENT COMING IN FROM  
22 THE BURN AREA AND THAT'S WHY IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE GET IN AT  
23 THIS POINT IN TIME AND START...

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS A RESULT OF THE '02 FIRE?



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2 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THE '02 FIRE AND ALSO, PRIOR TO THAT, WE'VE  
3 HAD SOME MINOR FIRES IN THE WATERSHED.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS THE '02 FIRE DECLARED A NATURAL  
6 DISASTER, DESIGNATED A FEDERAL NATURAL DISASTER AREA?

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8 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** I BELIEVE IT WAS, YES.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM  
11 F.E.M.A. FOR THIS KIND OF A DREDGING?

12

13 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** NO, WE ARE NOT, WE ARE NOT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY NOT? IF YOU CAN CREATE-- IF YOU MAKE THE  
16 CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FIRE, THE LOSS OF THE WATERSHED-- OF  
17 THE TREES AND THE CONTRIBUTION IT MAKES TO THE SILT MOVEMENT  
18 INTO THE DAM, WHY WOULDN'T THERE BE-- AND THEN THE REQUIREMENT  
19 TO SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO REMOVE THAT SILT, WHY WOULDN'T  
20 THERE BE SOME KIND OF A NEXUS THAT WOULD QUALIFY?

21

22 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. THE ONLY CASES WHERE WE HAVE THE  
23 ABILITY TO GET F.E.M.A. REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLEAN OUT OF  
24 SEDIMENT IS THE RESULT OF A MAJOR STORM THAT ACTUALLY-- THE  
25 FIRE DOESN'T CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY...



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2 **SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND.

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4 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** ...TO THE DEBRIS COMING INTO THE RESERVOIR,  
5 BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT, IF THERE'S A MAJOR FIRE OR A  
6 MAJOR STORM ON THE WATERSHED AND IT'S DECLARED A DISASTER AS A  
7 RESULT OF THAT STORM AND IT WASHED DEBRIS INTO OUR RESERVOIRS  
8 AND DEBRIS BASINS, THEN IT WOULD QUALIFY FOR F.E.M.A.  
9 REIMBURSEMENT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE HAVEN'T HAD A STORM BIG ENOUGH TO  
12 WARRANT DECLARATION OF DISASTER IN THIS PERIOD OF TIME?

13

14 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LAST QUESTION. THIS IS \$34 MILLION TO DREDGE  
17 THIS DAM. I ASSUME, I TAKE IT AT FACE VALUE YOU KNOW WHAT  
18 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SO THAT IT HAS TO BE DONE BUT, TO ME,  
19 THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF MONEY AND I'M ASSUMING IT WILL TAKE  
20 THAT MUCH MONEY TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WITH THIS DAM. HOW  
21 MUCH MONEY DO YOU HAVE IN THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, WHERE IS  
22 THIS MONEY COMING FROM, WHAT PART OF YOUR BUDGET IS IT COMING  
23 FROM, WHAT'S LEFT AFTER YOU DO THIS? KIND OF GIVE US...

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1   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. IF YOU LOOK AT THE FLOOD FUNDING, WE  
2   HAVE TWO PRIMARY SOURCES OF FUNDING, WE'RE OPERATING AND  
3   MAINTAINING IN OUR FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM AND THAT'S OUR FLOOD  
4   BENEFIT ASSESSMENT, AND WE GET A SMALL PORTION OF THE PROPERTY  
5   TAX. THAT, TOTALED TOGETHER, IS SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
6   OF 200 MILLION PER YEAR. A MAJOR PORTION OF THAT MONEY IS USED  
7   TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM. THAT'S CRITICAL. THAT'S A  
8   FIRST PRIORITY, MAKE SURE OUR DAMS ARE CLEAR, OUR DEBRIS  
9   BASINS ARE CLEAR, THAT ALL OF OUR CHANNELS ARE CLEAR AND IN  
10   GOOD OPERATING CONDITION. WHAT MONEY IS THEN LEFT OVER FOR  
11   THAT IS USED FOR BUILDING ADDITIONAL PROJECTS OR ENHANCING THE  
12   SYSTEM. CLEARLY, THIS IS A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE TO GET IN  
13   AND START TO REMOVE THIS DEBRIS TO NOT JEOPARDIZE THE LEVEL OF  
14   FLOOD PROTECTION TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE  
15   LOCATED BELOW THIS RESERVOIR.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO-- BUT MY QUESTION IS, WHERE DID THIS  
18   MONEY-- IS THERE AN ACCOUNT IN THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, A  
19   RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR THIS PURPOSE?

20

21   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. WHAT IT IS, IS EACH YEAR WE BUDGET  
22   MONIES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND, THIS YEAR, WE'RE  
23   ANTICIPATING UP TO \$10 MILLION OF THAT 34 MILLION COULD BE  
24   FUNDED FROM THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, THIS  
25   IS A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT. THE ONLY TIME THE CONTRACT CAN REMOVE





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1 SEDIMENT FROM THAT RESERVOIR IS DURING THE NON-STORM SEASON,  
2 WHEN WE DRAIN THE RESERVOIR, SO THAT, BASED ON PAST  
3 EXPERIENCE, WE'VE ESTIMATED THAT IT WILL TAKE THE CONTRACTOR  
4 UP TO FIVE YEARS TO REMOVE THIS AMOUNT OF SEDIMENT. IT'S ABOUT  
5 4.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS. THE FIRST YEAR, WE'RE LOOKING AT  
6 SOMEWHERE'S AROUND EIGHT TO 10 MILLION. IN THE SUBSEQUENT  
7 YEARS, AGAIN, WE WOULD HAVE TO GET BUDGET APPROVAL TO FINANCE  
8 THE SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH YEARS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE NOT APPROVING A \$34 MILLION ITEM  
11 HERE?

12

13 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ARE WE NOT AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR \$34  
16 MILLION?

17

18 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN, AND IT...

21

22 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** BASED UPON THE CONTINGENCY OF FUNDING BEING  
23 PROVIDED FOR YEARS TWO THROUGH FIVE.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS NO FUNDING FOR  
2    YEARS TWO THROUGH FIVE? WE'RE NOT OBLIGATED...

3

4    **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT  
5    AND...

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...TO THE CONTRACT? SO THIS IS A FIVE-YEAR  
8    PROJECT?

9

10   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH OF THE DAM, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY,  
13   IS FILLED WITH SILT? WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE VOLUME OF THE DAM  
14   IS FILLED AND WHAT'S REMAINING?

15

16   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. IF YOU LOOK AT THE DAM UP THE SPILLWAY,  
17   IT HAS ABOUT-- IF YOU TOTALLY FILL THE DAM WITH SEDIMENT,  
18   THERE WOULD BE ABOUT 74 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL IN  
19   THAT DAM. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 16 TO 18  
20   MILLION CUBIC YARDS, SO ABOUT A FOURTH OF THE DAM IS FULL OF  
21   DEBRIS RIGHT NOW.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, IN 20-- YOU SAID THAT THE LAST TIME IT  
24   WAS CLEARED WAS IN 198. SO, IN 25 YEARS, 24 YEARS, ALMOST A



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1 QUARTER OF A CENTURY, ONLY A QUARTER OF THE DAM'S VOLUME HAS  
2 BEEN TAKEN UP BY THIS STUFF?

3

4 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT. THE CRITICAL ELEMENT HERE,  
5 THOUGH, IS THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF SAN GABRIEL DAM, LIKE MOST  
6 OF OUR MAJOR DAMS, IS FOR FLOOD CONTROL PURPOSES. THE WAY THE  
7 FLOOD ROUTE FLOWS THROUGH IT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF FLOWS  
8 GOING DOWNSTREAM THAT COULD DAMAGE PROPERTIES IS WE'RE ABLE TO  
9 MAKE RELEASES THROUGH MAJOR VALVES AND IT'S CRITICAL HERE THAT  
10 WE NOT ALLOW THE SEDIMENT TO BUILD UP TO A CERTAIN LEVEL WHERE  
11 IT WILL FILL OUR TUNNELS TO OUR VALVES AND ALSO DESTROY OUR  
12 VALVES. THEN WE DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO REGULATE FLOOD  
13 FLOWS AND WE'RE AT THE MERCY OF THE STORMS. SO THE KEY THING  
14 HERE IS WE NEED TO REMOVE THIS DEBRIS TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE NOT  
15 GOING TO TOTALLY DAMAGE OUR VALVES AT THE DAM.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE VALVES ARE WELL BELOW THE RIM LINE  
18 OF THE DAM?

19

20 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT. THAT IS CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ONE MORE QUESTION. IT'S BEEN PROMPTED  
23 BY YOUR ANSWERS TO SOME OF MY QUESTIONS EARLIER. DOES IT MAKE  
24 SENSE NOT TO WAIT 24 YEARS TO CLEAR A DAM AND TO DO IT ON A  
25 MORE REGULAR BASIS OR NOT?



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2 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** WELL, AGAIN, WE WOULDN'T EVEN BE HERE TODAY  
3 IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE MAJOR FIRE. YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT,  
4 WITH A FULLY RECOVERED WATERSHED, WE GENERATE VERY LITTLE  
5 SEDIMENT. IT'S WHEN WE HAVE A MAJOR BURN ON THE WATERSHED THAT  
6 WE GET CONCERNED AND THAT'S WHY THIS HAS REALLY BECOME AN  
7 EMERGENCY, BECAUSE OF THE BURN ON THAT WATERSHED.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTIONS.  
10 I JUST-- SO YOU DON'T HAVE 34 MILLION LAYING AROUND RIGHT NOW  
11 IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? IS IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE \$34  
12 MILLION THAT YOU DON'T DO IT ALL IN ONE YEAR OR IS IT BECAUSE  
13 IT TAKES FIVE YEARS TO DO SOMETHING OF THIS MAGNITUDE?

14

15 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** BECAUSE IT TAKES FIVE YEARS TO DO SOMETHING  
16 OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU HAVE IN RESERVE IN THE  
19 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT NOW THAT ISN'T PREVIOUSLY OBLIGATED TO  
20 OPERATIONS?

21

22 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** WELL, THAT'S NOT COMMITTED, PROBABLY IN THE  
23 NEIGHBORHOOD OF SIX TO EIGHT MILLION.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SIX TO EIGHT MILLION?



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2 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** RIGHT, THAT WE ANTICIPATE CARRYING OVER AS A  
3 RESERVE.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IS THAT WHERE THE MONEY FOR THIS IS  
6 COMING FROM?

7

8 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF IT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE MONEY FOR THIS IS PART OF THE  
11 OBLIGATED BUDGET?

12

13 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU ALSO THINKING OF ASKING THE VOTERS  
16 TO-- ARE YOU NOT-- THE DEPARTMENT IS THINKING OF ASKING THE  
17 VOTERS TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT ON THE FLOOD CONTROL  
18 DISTRICT?

19

20 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I DON'T THINK THE  
21 DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE INCREASED  
22 REQUIREMENTS AS FAR AS STORM WATER QUALITY AND THINGS LIKE  
23 THAT, THAT THERE'S NO QUESTION IN THE FUTURE WE'RE GOING TO  
24 HAVE TO ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS TO MEET OUR  
25 OBLIGATIONS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. I DIDN'T SEE IN  
5 THE REPORT IF THERE WERE OTHER BIDDERS AND WHAT THE AMOUNT OF  
6 THEIR BID WAS, AND I ALSO DIDN'T SEE IN THE REPORT SOME  
7 RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN  
8 TERMS OF VIOLATIONS BY THIS CONTRACTOR OF-- I DON'T KNOW  
9 WHETHER YOU CALL IT FALSE CLAIM OR IF IT'S-- WHAT WERE THE  
10 VIOLATIONS HE HAD? AND ALSO WHO WERE THE BIDDERS AND WHAT WERE  
11 THE AMOUNTS? DO YOU HAVE THAT SO WE COULD SEE IT?

12

13 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** YES, I DO. ON THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, WE HAD  
14 A TOTAL OF SIX BIDDERS. BARNARD CONSTRUCTION WAS THE LOWEST  
15 BIDDER AT \$34,170,000. WOOD BROTHERS WAS THE SECOND LOWEST  
16 BIDDER AT \$35,300,000, YEAGER WAS \$36 BUT THERE WAS A TOTAL OF  
17 SIX BIDDERS ON THIS JOB.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** SO NEXT ONE WAS AT 35 MILLION?

20

21 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** WAS \$35,300, YEAH, ABOUT 1.2 MILLION HIGHER  
22 THAN BARNARD.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, WOULD YOU PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS WHOLE ISSUE  
2   IN TERMS OF BARNARD'S RECORD IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT  
3   VIOLATIONS?

4

5   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION THAT WAS  
6   PROVIDED TO US BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATING ENGINEERS  
7   ASSOCIATION, THEY POINTED OUT TO US THAT THERE HAD BEEN TWO  
8   VIOLATIONS, WAGE VIOLATIONS, AGAINST BARNARD ON A COUPLE OF  
9   DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER CONTRACTS IN THE OWENS VALLEY.  
10   AS A RESULT OF THAT INFORMATION COMING TO US, WE WORKED WITH  
11   THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL OR STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
12   INDUSTRIAL AND DETERMINED THAT BOTH OF THOSE COMPLAINTS HAVE  
13   BEEN TOTALLY RESOLVED.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT WERE THE DATES ON THEM?

16

17   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** I HAVE ACTUAL AGREEMENTS, IF YOU WANT ME TO  
18   DIG THEM OUT, BUT IT'S BEEN ABOUT A YEAR OR SO SINCE THEY'VE  
19   BEEN RESOLVED.

20

21   **SUP. BURKE:** WERE THEY COMPLAINTS? HOW CLOSE TOGETHER WERE THE  
22   COMPLAINTS?

23



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1   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT, I COULD NOT ANSWER. NOW, WE HAVE  
2   REPRESENTATIVES FROM BARNARD HERE THAT CAN ADDRESS  
3   SPECIFICALLY THOSE COMPLAINTS.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO  
6   LOOK AT THEM. YOU KNOW. IF IT'S-- I THOUGHT, IN THE PAST, IN  
7   SOME OF THESE INSTANCES, WE HAD LOOKED AT IT AND THOSE WERE  
8   MAJOR ISSUES IN TERMS OF OUR ACCEPTING THE CONTRACTOR. AND,  
9   YOU KNOW, WHEN IT WAS RESOLVED AND WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE, WAS  
10   IT RESOLVED BY THEM PAYING A FINE? HOW WAS IT RESOLVED?

11

12   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. ON THE TWO COMPLAINTS THAT WERE  
13   SUBMITTED AGAINST BARNARD, THERE WERE SETTLEMENTS WITH THE  
14   STATE.

15

16   **SUP. BURKE:** FOR HOW MUCH?

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18   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** ONE AMOUNT WAS FOR, I BELIEVE, 24,000-- OR  
19   22,000 AND ONE WAS FOR 17,000. OF THAT AMOUNT, WHICH TOTALED  
20   ABOUT 39,000, I BELIEVE 10,000 WAS FOR PENALTIES. THE REST WAS  
21   FOR BACK WAGES.

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23   **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION? BECAUSE, APPARENTLY,  
24   HERE THAT THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT WAS 223,000 AND 192,952 ON



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1 THE TWO AND THEY WERE LATER SETTLED. DO YOU HAVE ANY  
2 INFORMATION ON THESE?

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4 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** YES. WE ACTUALLY, IN WORKING WITH THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, WHICH-- THEY'RE THE ONES  
6 THAT INVESTIGATE ALL LABOR COMPLAINTS. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT  
7 DID THE INVESTIGATIONS AND MADE THE DETERMINATION THAT THE  
8 ACTUAL AMOUNTS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THAT AND THAT'S  
9 WHAT THOSE AWARDS WERE, THE 17,000 AND THE...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THESE WERE FOR WHAT? CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT TO  
12 ME?

13

14 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** AS I UNDERSTAND, THERE WAS A SITUATION WITH  
15 ONE OF THEM THAT IT WAS-- THE OPERATING ENGINEERS HAS A LOT OF  
16 DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATIONS OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, DIFFERENT  
17 TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AND STUFF, AND THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING  
18 ON BARNARD'S PART AS FAR AS THE CLASSIFICATION OF ONE OF THESE  
19 THAT RESULTED IN THE OTHER. THE OTHER ONE WAS A SITUATION  
20 WHERE APPARENTLY THE CLASSIFICATIONS WERE DIFFERENT THAN THEY  
21 THOUGHT THE EMPLOYEES, SO THEY WERE PAYING A LESSER PREVAILING  
22 WAGE THAN THEY SHOULD HAVE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** THESE CONTRACTS ARE GOING TO BE SUBJECT TO  
25 PREVAILING WAGE, RIGHT? RIGHT?



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2 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** MOST DEFINITELY, YES.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** THIS IS THE FIRST CONTRACT WE'VE AWARDED TO  
5 BARNARD.

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7 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. BURKE, WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE THAT WISH TO...

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THEM.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. IF WE CAN INVITE ESTEFAN LESSARDO TO  
14 JOIN US AS WELL AS JOHN SPAULDING FIRST AND THEN I'M GOING TO  
15 HAVE TWO OTHER PEOPLE THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ISSUE.

16

17 **ESTEFAN LESSARDO:** GOOD MORNING. MAY I PROCEED OR SHOULD I  
18 WAIT?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE PROCEED!

21

22 **ESTEFAN LESSARDO:** SORRY ABOUT THAT. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU. MY NAME  
23 IS ESTEFAN LESSARDO. I'M REPRESENTING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
24 LABOR MANAGEMENT OPERATING ENGINEERS CONTRACT COMPLIANCE  
25 COMMITTEE. THE SUPERVISORS MAY BE AWARE THAT I SUBMITTED A



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1 LETTER TO EACH OF YOU WHICH INCLUDED A FACT SHEET AND I WANT  
2 TO REFER TO JUST THREE THINGS ON THE FACT SHEET IN PARTIAL  
3 ANSWER TO SUPERVISOR BURKE'S QUESTION. THIS PARTICULAR  
4 CONTRACTOR HAS, AT THIS POINT, ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR CONTRACTS  
5 THAT IT'S BEEN AWARDED WITH L.A. D.W.P. ON THREE OF THOSE  
6 CONTRACTS... SORRY. ON TWO OF THOSE CONTRACTS, THIS CONTRACTOR  
7 HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE STATE'S PREVAILING WAGE  
8 LAW FOR FAILING TO PAY ITS EMPLOYEES THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF--  
9 THE REQUIRED WAGES ON THE JOB. AS STATED BY YOUR STAFF MEMBER,  
10 THE FIRST ONE OF THOSE CITATIONS, IF YOU WILL, WAS BY THE CITY  
11 OF L.A., DEPARTMENT OF WATER POWER ITSELF, WHICH IS THE ONE  
12 THAT HE MENTIONED WHERE THE CONTRACTOR CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD A  
13 QUESTION AS TO A CLASSIFICATION. IT REALLY HAS TO DO WITH WHEN  
14 AN INCREASE OF A WAGE CAME INTO BEING AND WHETHER OR NOT  
15 THEY'VE PICKED UP THAT INCREASE. THE SECOND TWO ARE MORE  
16 SIGNIFICANT BUT, NONETHELESS, ALL THREE ARE PREVAILING WAGE  
17 VIOLATIONS WHERE WORKERS WERE GETTING LESS THAN WHAT THEY'RE  
18 SUPPOSED TO GET. THE SECOND ONE WAS A CIVIL WAGE AND PENALTY  
19 ASSESSMENT THAT WAS ASSESSED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. IT WAS ISSUED IN JUNE OF 2002. IT BEGAN  
21 AS AN ASSESSMENT FOR \$44,325.66 IN WAGES AND APPROXIMATELY  
22 \$179,000 IN PENALTIES. IT WAS SETTLED, IT WAS ABSOLUTELY  
23 CORRECT TO STATE, THAT THE CONTRACTOR AND THE STATE SETTLED  
24 THAT PARTICULAR CIVIL WAGE AND PENALTY ASSESSMENT WITH THE  
25 PAYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$17,000 BY THE CONTRACTOR. THE SECOND



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1 CIVIL WAGE AND PENALTY ASSESSMENT THAT WAS ISSUED, AGAIN, BY  
2 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WAS ISSUED IN JANUARY OF 2003, A  
3 LITTLE BIT MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. IT WAS FOR THE SECOND  
4 CONTRACT AT OWENS LAKE WITH L.A. D.W.P. IT STARTED OFF WITH A  
5 WAGE ASSESSMENT OF \$57,602 AND \$135,000 IN PENALTIES. IT'S MY  
6 UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT WAS ALSO SETTLED. I DON'T HAVE THE  
7 EXACT FIGURE BUT THE FIGURE THAT WAS CITED BY YOUR STAFF OR  
8 SOMEBODY OF ABOUT \$22,000 SOUNDS LIKE WHAT I'VE HEARD. OUR  
9 PRESENTATION TO THIS BOARD TODAY IS THIS: YOU'VE GOT A  
10 CONTRACTOR WHO WON THREE CONTRACTS-- OR TWO CONTRACTS WITH A  
11 SISTER AGENCY IN YOUR AREA, HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED  
12 THE STATE'S PREVAILING WAGE LAW BECAUSE THEY DID NOT PAY THEIR  
13 WORKERS THE AMOUNTS THEY WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BASED UPON STATE  
14 LAW AND IN THE CONTRACT PROVISIONS, THE SAME ONES THAT YOU'LL  
15 PUT IN YOUR CONTRACTS. AS IT TURNS OUT, THE CONTRACTOR, WHEN  
16 THE STATE POINTS OUT TO THEM AND ASSESSES A CIVIL WAGE AND  
17 PENALTY ASSESSMENT AGAINST THEM, THE CONTRACTOR ULTIMATELY  
18 PAYS. IT'S OF NO COMFORT-- IT SHOULD BE OF NO COMFORT TO YOU  
19 THAT THE CONTRACTOR, WHEN FACED WITH A CITATION, WILL PAY.  
20 THIS MORNING, ON THE WAY, HERE I WAS STOPPED BY A POLICE  
21 OFFICER BECAUSE OF A BROKEN TAILLIGHT ON MY CAR. YOU CAN BET  
22 THAT I'M GOING TO FIX THE BROKEN TAILLIGHT ONCE IT'S BEEN  
23 POINTED OUT TO ME AND A CITATION HAS BEEN ISSUED. DOES THAT  
24 MEAN YOU SHOULD TRUST ME TO DRIVE YOUR CAR? PROBABLY NOT. OUR  
25 POSITION IS VERY SIMPLE. YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND \$34 MILLION ON





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1 A CONTRACT. YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT THAT CONTRACTOR IS GOING TO  
2 PAY ITS WORKERS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE LAW SAYS IT  
3 SHOULD AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT YOUR CONTRACT SAYS IT  
4 SHOULD. WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM FROM THE CONTRACTOR IS  
5 THAT THE FIGURE THAT THEY OWE IN WAGES PALES IN COMPARISON TO  
6 THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONTRACT AND WHAT I WANT TO LEAVE YOU  
7 WITH BEFORE I END IS THIS: FOR A WORKER ON ONE OF YOUR  
8 PROJECTS WHO MAY BE MISSING A HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A COUPLE OF  
9 WEEKS OF WAGES, \$500 FOR A MONTH'S WORTH OF WAGES OR A \$1,000  
10 FOR A COUPLE OF MONTH'S WORTH OF WAGES, THEY DON'T NECESSARILY  
11 SEE IT FROM THE CONTRACTOR'S PERSPECTIVE THAT THE AMOUNT OF  
12 WAGE VIOLATION WAS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE THE TOTAL VALUE  
13 OF THE CONTRACT. YOUR WORKERS WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE CARE OF  
14 THEM AND MAKE SURE THAT, IF YOU AWARD A CONTRACT, THAT IT'S  
15 NOT GOING TO BE TO A CONTRACTOR THAT HAS A TRACK RECORD,  
16 PROVEN TRACK RECORD, OF NOT PAYING ITS EMPLOYEES CORRECTLY,  
17 EVEN IF THEY STEP UP TO THE PLATE ONCE THE STATE SAYS, "YOU  
18 NEED TO PAY".

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. LESSARDO. MR. SPAULDING?

21

22 **JOHN SPAULDING:** YES. MY NAME IS JOHN SPAULDING. I'M THE  
23 DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF  
24 OPERATING ENGINEERS. OUR HEADQUARTERS ARE IN PASADENA AND I'M  
25 HERE REPRESENTING 23,000 MEMBERS AND BUSINESS MANAGER WAGONER.



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1 I'M HERE TO URGE YOU NOT TO AWARD THIS CONTRACT TO THIS  
2 CONTRACTOR. WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS CONTRACTOR AND YOU ARE  
3 CONSIDERING TO AWARD. BARNARD'S TRACK RECORD IS NOT GOOD IN  
4 PAYING ITS WORKERS THE PROPER WAGE AND, OF COURSE, ALLOWING  
5 MEALS AND REST PERIODS AS REQUIRED BY LAW. THIS IS NOT  
6 REFLECTIVE OF A RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR. THINK ABOUT IT. I'M AN  
7 EQUIPMENT OPERATOR WHO HAS COME TO CALIFORNIA, I'M FROM  
8 MONTANA OR FROM SOME OTHER STATE, AND MY CONTRACTOR SAYS, "I'M  
9 NOT GOING TO PAY YOU THE PROPER WAGE SCALE, NOR AM I GOING TO  
10 HAVE YOU HAVE A MEAL PERIOD NOR AM I GOING TO LET YOU HAVE A  
11 REST PERIOD AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA LAW." NOW, I'VE COME ALL  
12 THE WAY TO CALIFORNIA. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? AM I GOING TO  
13 COMPLAIN OR FILE A CLAIM? PROBABLY NOT. I, NUMBER ONE, I AM  
14 PROBABLY MAKING MORE MONEY HERE IN CALIFORNIA THAN I CAN  
15 ANYWHERE ELSE, AND I HAVE BENEFITS HERE, LIKE MEAL PERIODS AND  
16 REST PERIODS, THAT I WILL NOT HAVE OTHER PLACES. THE BID IS  
17 THE LOWEST NUMBER SUBMITTED BUT UNDERSTAND, ALL OF THE OTHER  
18 BIDDERS LISTED ARE CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS WHO DO NOT HAVE WAGE  
19 CLAIM VIOLATIONS. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE IN PAYING THE PROPER  
20 WAGES AND BENEFITS. WHEN A CONTRACTOR BIDS A NUMBER THAT IS  
21 42% UNDER YOUR ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE, HE IS NOT BEING  
22 COMPETITIVE IN NATURE. HE LEFT A LOT OF MONEY ON THE TABLE.  
23 HOPEFULLY TO BE RECOVERED IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS: THOSE  
24 THAT WE'VE ALREADY MENTIONED, AND NUMEROUS CHANGE ORDERS WHICH  
25 YOUR STAFF HAS ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED BY THEIR EXPLANATION OF



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1 COSTS OVER FIVE YEARS, AND I QUOTE, "THE CONTRACT WILL COVER A  
2 PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AND THE ESTIMATED FIRST YEAR COST IS  
3 \$10,000. THE BALANCE OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE ENCUMBERED IN THE  
4 SECOND THROUGH FIFTH YEARS AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ANNUAL  
5 COST MAY BE IN THE RANGE OF EIGHT TO \$10,000." DO THE MATH.  
6 THAT ALREADY ALLOWS FOR A MINIMUM OF \$42,000 BY YOUR OWN STAFF  
7 AND HE'S GIVEN A BID OF MILLIONS, HE'S GIVEN A BID OF \$34  
8 MILLION. HIS BID IS STILL 25% BELOW WHAT YOUR STAFF FEELS THAT  
9 IT'S GOING TO COST YOU. NONETHELESS, HIS ORIGINAL BID IS 42%  
10 BELOW THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BY YOUR OWN ENGINEERS. YOU MUST  
11 ASK YOURSELF, HOW CAN A CONTRACTOR BRING EQUIPMENT AND A  
12 WORKFORCE FROM MONTANA AND WORK CHEAPER THAN LOCAL  
13 CONTRACTORS? ALSO AN ISSUE THAT CONTINUES TO BE AN ISSUE IS  
14 THE RELUCTANCE OF THESE OUT-OF-STATE WORKERS TO REGISTER THEIR  
15 VEHICLES AND CONFORM TO OUR SMOG STANDARDS THAT WE HAVE HERE  
16 IN LOS ANGELES AND HERE IN CALIFORNIA. ALSO REMEMBER THAT THE  
17 MONEY EARNED BY THIS WORKFORCE WILL LEAVE CALIFORNIA INSTEAD  
18 OF TURNING OVER IN OUR ECONOMY A MINIMUM OF SEVEN TIMES, AS  
19 WE'VE ALL LEARNED THROUGH ECONOMICS. THIS IS JUST MARCH AND  
20 THE WORK WILL NOT START UNTIL AUGUST. THAT'S SIX MONTHS. THERE  
21 IS ENOUGH TIME TO RE-BID THIS PROJECT AND MAKE SURE THAT WE  
22 HAVE A RESPONSIBLE BID TO THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
23 AND TO CALIFORNIA. REMEMBER WHAT THIS IS REALLY ABOUT: JOBS  
24 FOR THOSE THAT LIVE AND PARTICIPATE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. SPAULDING. MR. JANSSEN, YOU'VE  
3 BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE, AS I UNDERSTAND?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR, MY STAFF HAS SPENT A LITTLE BIT OF  
6 TIME LOOKING AT THE PREVAILING WAGE AND LIVING WAGE  
7 REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD. AND COUNTY COUNSEL, I THINK, HAS  
8 BEEN INVOLVED AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

11

12 **RICHARD WEISS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT,  
13 WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROPOSAL, BASED UPON THE BOARD STANDARD  
14 REQUIREMENTS REGARDING DISCLOSURES, THAT THE CONTRACTOR DID  
15 DISCLOSE WHAT IT WAS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE. HOWEVER,  
16 BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR OFFICE AND WITH THE C.A.O. AND  
17 WITH THE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE, AND  
18 I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT WE, FROM  
19 THIS POINT FORWARD, PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION  
20 CONTRACTORS PROVIDE DISCLOSURES REGARDING LABOR VIOLATIONS SO  
21 THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED IN EVERY INSTANCE IN DETERMINING  
22 WHETHER OR NOT A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR IS A RESPONSIBLE  
23 BIDDER AND I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO MAKE THAT  
24 RECOMMENDATION TODAY. THIS PARTICULAR ALLEGATION REGARDING  
25 VIOLATIONS HAVING COME TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION, IT WAS



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1 INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY BY PUBLIC WORKS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE  
2 OF OUR OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE AND  
3 THE AUDITOR, AND IT WAS OUR CONCLUSION, AS STAFF, THAT THE  
4 DISCLOSURE OF THE PENALTIES, ALBEIT THERE DEFINITELY WERE  
5 PENALTIES, THE DETERMINATION WAS MADE THAT, BASED UPON THE  
6 FACTS, BASED UPON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THOSE PENALTIES  
8 ROSE TO THE LEVEL THAT IT WOULD JUSTIFY A DETERMINATION THAT  
9 THIS CONTRACTOR WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE. SINCE THIS IS A PUBLIC  
10 WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, YOU ARE REQUIRED, UNDER STATE  
11 LAW, TO AWARD IT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. SO WE DON'T  
12 SEE A BASIS IN OUR OFFICE FOR A DETERMINATION OF NON-  
13 RESPONSIBILITY.

14  
15 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE CONTRACTOR, IF I COULD.

16  
17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE WILL. I JUST WANT TO ASK A QUESTION IN  
18 RESPONSE TO THAT TO PUBLIC WORKS. WHEN A CONTRACTOR IS NOT  
19 PAYING THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT TO THEIR EMPLOYEES, HOW DO THE  
20 EMPLOYEES SEEK RESTITUTION? IS IT JUST GOING TO THE LABOR  
21 BOARD? THAT'S IT? OR DO THEY COME TO YOU ALL?

22  
23 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. WHAT HAPPENS IS WE HAVE A GROUP IN THE  
24 DEPARTMENT THAT STRICTLY MONITOR PREVAILING WAGES. THEY GO OUT  
25 AND THEY INTERVIEW THE EMPLOYEES, WE REQUEST CERTIFIED



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1 PAYROLLS. IF THERE'S ANY INDICATION THAT THE CONTRACTOR IS NOT  
2 PAYING PREVAILING WAGE, WE THEN TURN THAT OVER TO THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. THEY ARE THE ENTITY IN THE  
4 STATE THAT ENFORCES THE LABOR LAWS, PREVAILING WAGE LAWS.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT ISN'T VERY SATISFYING TO ME, THOUGH.

7

8 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THE THING IS, SURPRISINGLY, THEY DO AN  
9 EXCELLENT JOB. WHAT WE DO...

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCELLENT? AND WHAT IS EXCELLENT TO YOU?

12

13 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** FROM THE STANDPOINT THAT, WHEN WE TURN OVER  
14 COMPLAINTS TO THEM, THEY GET STAFF ON IT, DO AN INVESTIGATION,  
15 ASSESS THE PENALTIES. IF YOU LOOK IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE  
16 HERE...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME JUST-- JUST WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. IF I STOP  
19 YOUR PAYCHECK TOMORROW AND YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH SOME PROCESS  
20 IN ORDER TO GET IT FROM ME, IT CREATES A PROBLEM FOR YOU.

21

22 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO I KNOW THERE'S A PROCESS, AND WE  
25 MIGHT CREATE A PROCESS IF I STOP YOUR PAYCHECK TOMORROW, BUT





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1 MY CONCERN IS, WE HAVE SOME LEVERAGE BECAUSE WE ARE THE PERSON  
2 WHO IS HIRING THIS CONTRACTOR THAT MIGHT BE VIOLATING THIS  
3 LAW. SO IS IT SUFFICIENT TO SAY, I MEAN, WE, BY STATE MANDATE,  
4 AS YOU SAY, BY LAW, HAVE TO AWARD THIS CONTRACT SINCE IT'S,  
5 QUOTE, "THE LOWEST BID". THE ISSUE, IS IT THE LOWEST  
6 RESPONSIBLE BID? AND THAT'S THE ISSUE I'M ASKING ABOUT NOW.  
7 HOW RESPONSIBLE COULD THAT BE WHEN, IN FACT, THERE'S A TRACK  
8 RECORD OF IRRESPONSIBILITY IN THIS REGARD AND NOW YOU'RE  
9 SAYING THEY WOULD JUST GO THROUGH A PROCESS? HOW LONG DOES IT  
10 TAKE FOR THAT WORKER TO GET THOSE WAGES, ON AVERAGE?

11

12 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. ON AVERAGE, IT WOULD TAKE A COUPLE  
13 MONTHS FOR THEM TO DO THEIR INVESTIGATION AND...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT IS NOT VERY SATISFYING TO ME. I DON'T  
16 CONSIDER THAT A RESPONSIBLE BID. YOU'RE SAYING, YOU JUSTIFY IT  
17 AS YOU FOUND IT A RESPONSIBLE BID IN LIGHT OF THESE WAGE  
18 VIOLATIONS.

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WAS THE JUSTIFICATION?

23



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1   **RICHARD WEISS:** THE INVOLVED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS  
2   WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, THE STATE AGENCY  
3   THAT IMPOSED THE PENALTIES AND THE SETTLEMENT.

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. SO, IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS, THEY  
6   SAID WHAT?

7

8   **RICHARD WEISS:** THE WAY I WOULD PUT IT, I DON'T HAVE THE  
9   LANGUAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THEY  
10   DETERMINED, THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WERE TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS,  
11   THEY DID NOT MAKE FINDINGS OF INTENTIONAL MALFEASANCE AND,  
12   THEREFORE, THERE ARE TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS. IT IS MY  
13   UNDERSTANDING IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR BIG CONSTRUCTION  
14   CONTRACTORS TO HAVE TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS AT TIMES. IT WAS THE  
15   DETERMINATION BY THE COUNTY STAFF THAT REVIEWED THIS, IN  
16   DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STATE AND WITH D.W.P., THAT THESE DIDN'T  
17   RISE TO THE LEVEL TO CROSS THE BAR TO NON-RESPONSIBILITY.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IS THAT... THIS IS NOT ONE TIME, IT WAS MORE  
20   THAN ONCE?

21

22   **RICHARD WEISS:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THERE WERE TWO INSTANCES.

23

24   **SPEAKER:** IT WAS TWO TIMES AND YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, IF YOU  
25   LOOK AT THE FOUR CONTRACTS THAT BARNARD HAS WITH THE CITY OF



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1 L.A. DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNTS  
2 WAS CLOSE TO \$190 MILLION, AND THESE VIOLATIONS TOTALED TO  
3 SOMEWHERE'S AROUND 39 MILLION -- I MEAN \$39,000 SO THAT YOU CAN  
4 SEE IT WAS RATHER INSIGNIFICANT. THEY OCCURRED AT THE FIRST  
5 PART OF THE CONTRACTS AND THE THING IS, THERE'S BEEN NO OTHER  
6 VIOLATIONS SINCE THEN. IT WAS CLEARLY A SITUATION WHERE THE  
7 STATE LOOKED INTO IT, THEY FOUND ABSOLUTELY NO WRONGDOING ON  
8 THE PART OF BARNARD. IT WAS JUST A MISINTERPRETATION OF THE  
9 PREVAILING WAGE LAWS. AND IF YOU LOOK, I CAN SHOW YOU  
10 PREVAILING WAGE LAWS. AND, FOR OPERATING ENGINEERS, THERE'S  
11 ABOUT 18 DIFFERENT GROUPS OF CLASSIFICATIONS WITH UP TO 20 OR  
12 30 CLASSIFICATIONS IN EACH GROUP SO YOU CAN SEE WHY THERE CAN  
13 BE SOME CONFUSION BUT CLEARLY THERE IS NOT A TRACK RECORD THAT  
14 SHOWS THAT BARNARD IS CONSISTENTLY VIOLATING PREVAILING WAGE.  
15 IT WAS TWO INCIDENCES ON THESE...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. THERE ARE TWO PROBLEMS THAT I SEE HERE AND  
18 I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE'RE GOING TO HANDLE THEM.  
19 AND I'M GOING TO ALLOW THE CONTRACTOR TO COME UP IN A MINUTE.  
20 BUT THE ISSUE IS THAT THERE IS NOTHING, FOR THE MOST PART,  
21 THAT WE CAN DO ABOUT THE PROCESS TO DATE. THAT IS, YOU'RE  
22 SAYING THAT WE LOOKED INTO IT AS FAR AS RESPONSIBLE BID, WE  
23 HAVE CONCLUDED THAT, AGAIN, THIS DIDN'T ELEVATE TO A LEVEL  
24 THAT IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN IRRESPONSIBLE BID, SO THAT'S  
25 FOR DEBATE HERE BUT WHAT ABOUT PROCEEDING FORWARD? I MEAN, IF



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1 WE HAVE NOT HAD-- I MEAN, IT-- HAD NOT THE OPERATING ENGINEER  
2 STEPPED IN AND POINTED THIS OUT, HOW WOULD WE HAVE KNOWN?

3

4 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** WELL, THAT'S TRUE, SUPERVISOR. GIVEN  
5 THE EXISTING DOCUMENTS THAT BIDDERS ARE ASKED TO SIGN, IT  
6 WOULD NOT HAVE COME TO LIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT'S BEEN CHANGED?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** AS I INDICATED, I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT IS  
11 RECOMMENDING, AND WE DISCUSSED THAT WITH THE C.A.O., THAT,  
12 FROM HERE ON IN, THE DEPARTMENT'S BID DOCUMENTS WILL REQUIRE  
13 DISCLOSURE OF LABOR COMPLAINTS AND VIOLATIONS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I MAKE AN AMENDMENT? AND PERMIT-- I MEAN, I'M  
16 JUST FEELING THIS OUT. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, FOR ANY EMPLOYEE,  
17 WHETHER THERE IS A DEBATE/DISCUSSION AS TO WAGES AND WHETHER  
18 WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT AND SHOULD THE UNION STEP IN ON  
19 BEHALF OF THE WORKER, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO STEP IN? THIS IS A  
20 UNIONIZED JOB?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** IT'S NOT A UNIONIZED JOB BUT THE ENTITY THAT I  
23 REPRESENT DOES DO THAT.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SO THEN, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS  
2   HAPPENS. COULD WE SAY, AS MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD, IN THE  
3   ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CONTRACT, THAT WE WOULD, UNTIL THOSE  
4   ISSUES ARE RESOLVED, WE WOULD STOP ANY PAYMENTS TO THE  
5   CONTRACTOR?

6

7   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. WHAT HAPPENS IS...

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9   **SUP. MOLINA:** I MEAN, IT SORT OF PUTS IT ON THE SAME LEVEL.

10

11   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** YEAH. WELL, THAT'S REALLY WHAT HAPPENS. IF WE  
12   HAVE A SITUATION THAT WE HAVE FAIRLY GOOD EVIDENCE THAT  
13   THERE'S VIOLATIONS OF PREVAILING WAGE...

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU SAID YOU DON'T HAVE IT, YOU SUBMIT IT  
16   BACK TO...

17

18   **GARY J. HARTLEY:** NO. WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT WE SUBMIT IT TO THE  
19   STATE. THEY THEN COME IN WITH THEIR INVESTIGATORS, THEY MAKE A  
20   DETERMINATION OF WHAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES AND BACK WAGES  
21   COULD BE, AND THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE THESE HUGE ASSESSMENTS THAT  
22   WERE REFERRED TO HERE. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY COME IN AND  
23   THEY'LL TELL US, OKAY, THERE'S \$190,000 WORTH OF PENALTIES AND  
24   BACK WAGES WE THINK COULD BE ASSESSED. WE WANT YOU TO WITHHOLD  
25   THAT MONEY. WE THEN WITHHOLD THAT MONEY TO ENSURE THAT, IF THE



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1 FINAL FINDING IS THAT THEY DID VIOLATE FOR THAT AMOUNT, WE DO  
2 HAVE THE MONEY UNDER THE CONTRACT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE  
3 SALARIES ARE PAID, SO THAT THERE'S A TOTAL GUARANTEE UNDER  
4 THIS SYSTEM THAT THE STATE HAS...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IS THERE PENALTIES THAT ARE ASSESSED AS WELL?

7

8 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** YES, THERE ARE AND...

9

10 **SUPERVISOR MOLINA:** AND WHO...

11

12 **SUPERVISOR BURKE:** BUT THESE PENALTIES WERE WAIVED. THESE  
13 PENALTIES WERE WAIVED, SEE? BECAUSE IT WAS 223,000, AND THAT  
14 WAS SETTLED, I ASSUME THAT'S THE 22,393 THAT WAS-- THE  
15 PENALTIES-- THE ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT WAS THE 223 BUT THE AMOUNT  
16 THEY PAID WAS 22,000 BECAUSE THEY WAIVED ALL THE PENALTIES.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** WELL, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING HERE AGAIN THAT,  
21 OF THE 39,000 THAT WAS ASSESSED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, THAT ABOUT 10,000 WAS PENALTIES AND THE  
23 BALANCE WAS TO PAY FOR BACK WAGES.

24





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1 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S NOT MY UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE CIVIL WAGE  
2 PENALTY WAGE ASSESSMENT WAS...

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** IF IT'S 22,000 THAT THEY SETTLED FOR AND THE  
5 ASSESSMENT WAS 223,000, IT WAS 200,000 THAT WAS THE AMOUNT  
6 THAT WAS WAIVED.

7

8 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** OKAY. HERE'S AN E-MAIL HERE THAT IS DIRECTLY  
9 FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. THE FIRST  
10 CASE, THE TOTAL SETTLEMENT WAS \$22,393. OF THAT, 10,000 WAS  
11 FOR PENALTIES. ON THE SECOND CASE...

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT I'M SAYING-- JUST A SECOND. THAT'S WHAT THAT  
14 AMOUNT WAS OF THE PENALTY OF WHAT THEY SETTLED FOR, BUT THE  
15 INITIAL ASSESSMENT WAS 223,000, ACCORDING TO YOUR DOCUMENTS.

16

17 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THAT IS CORRECT. AND, AGAIN, YOU HAVE TO  
18 UNDERSTAND, WHEN THERE'S A SITUATION WHERE IT LOOKS LIKE  
19 THERE'S LABOR VIOLATIONS, THE STATE COMES IN AND THEY ASK US  
20 TO WITHHOLD THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PENALTIES AND BACK WAGES. IN  
21 THIS CASE, OBVIOUSLY, THEY TOTALLY OVERESTIMATED THE SEVERITY  
22 OF THE PENALTIES. THE FINAL DETERMINATION, ONCE THEY COMPLETED  
23 ALL THEIR INVESTIGATIONS, THERE'S THE FINAL SETTLEMENT  
24 AMOUNTS. AND, ON THE FIRST CASE, THE TOTAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT  
25 WAS \$22,393, OF WHICH 10,000 OF THAT WAS FOR PENALTIES. ON THE



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1 SECOND CASE, THE FINAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT WAS \$17,000 AND THERE  
2 WERE NO PENALTIES ASSESSED, SO THAT-- AND YOU CAN SEE THAT THE  
3 STATE...

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WERE PENALTIES WAIVED, THOUGH?

6

7 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THE PENALTIES WERE NOT WAIVED, THEY WERE  
8 PAID. THE \$10,000 WORTH OF PENALTIES WERE PAID AS PART OF THE  
9 SETTLEMENT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHO...

12

13 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** BARNARD PAID THOSE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHO DID THEY GET PAID TO?

16

17 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** THEY GOT PAID TO THE STATE, DEPARTMENT OF  
18 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THE WORKERS DON'T WIN, DO THEY? I MEAN,  
21 THEY GET THEIR BACK WAGES, BUT IT'S SORT OF LIKE NO INTEREST  
22 ON THE FACT THAT YOU DIDN'T GET PAID THOSE WEEKS. I'M NOT  
23 GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS. SO YOU DON'T HAVE THE VOTES TODAY, I  
24 WANT YOU TO KNOW. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT-- BECAUSE THESE ARE NOT SATISFYING ANSWERS TO  
2   ME AS YET. I'D LIKE TO INVITE THE CONTRACTOR TO COME UP AND  
3   JOIN US ON THIS DISCUSSION. I THINK WE NEED SOMETHING  
4   STRONGER. THIS IS NOT VERY COMFORTING.

5

6   **SUP. BURKE:** AND A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT, TOO, IS THE THING THAT'S  
7   REALLY...

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO COULD I INVITE JOE, JOE NELSON AND PAUL  
10   FRANZEN TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

11

12   **PAUL FRANZEN:** PAUL FRANZEN, PRESIDENT OF BARNARD CONSTRUCTION.

13

14   **JOE NELSON:** JOE NELSON, VICE PRESIDENT AND OPERATIONS MANAGER  
15   FOR BARNARD CONSTRUCTION.

16

17   **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS WHILE-- UNLESS  
18   YOU -- DO YOU HAVE A STATEMENT YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE?

19

20   **JOE NELSON:** I DO NOT HAVE A PREPARED STATEMENT.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE:** HOW MANY WORKMEN WILL YOU HAVE INVOLVED ON THIS  
23   JOB? AND I KNOW IT STARTS UP, IT TAKES A YEAR TO START UP, BUT  
24   BASICALLY, AT THE END OF ONE YEAR, HOW MANY WORKMEN WILL YOU  
25   HAVE?



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2 **JOE NELSON:** THE PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE PRIMARILY BETWEEN JUNE  
3 AND OCTOBER 15TH OF EACH YEAR AND WE WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY  
4 15 TO 20 EMPLOYEES. WE'LL ALSO HAVE MANY SUBCONTRACTOR  
5 EMPLOYEES, PRIMARILY IN THE FORM OF TRUCKING INDIVIDUALS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, ARE THOSE SUBCONTRACTORS GOING TO BE  
8 CALIFORNIA SUBCONTRACTORS OR ARE YOU GOING TO BRING THEM FROM  
9 MONTANA?

10

11 **PAUL FRANZEN:** THEY WILL BE CALIFORNIA.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** YOUR EMPLOYEES, WILL THEY BE FROM CALIFORNIA, OR  
14 WERE YOU GOING TO BRING YOUR EMPLOYEES FROM MONTANA?

15

16 **JOE NELSON:** TYPICALLY, OUR EMPLOYEE WORKFORCE IS ABOUT 40%  
17 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FOLLOWED US AROUND THE COUNTRY. SOME OF  
18 THEM ARE FROM MONTANA. TYPICALLY ON EVERY JOB, SOME EMPLOYEES  
19 FOLLOW US TO ANOTHER JOB AND SO ABOUT 60% OF OUR EMPLOYEES ARE  
20 FROM THE LOCAL AREA. IN THIS CASE, I WOULD THINK THAT THAT  
21 WOULD BE VERY MUCH THE CASE. WE'VE BEEN WORKING IN SOUTHERN  
22 CALIFORNIA FOR MANY YEARS AND WE HAVE QUITE A FEW EMPLOYEES  
23 FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT, AS YOU'RE GETTING MORE  
2   INFORMATION ON THIS, I WOULD LIKE TO REALLY KNOW, IS WHAT  
3   MECHANISM WE WOULD HAVE IN CASE THERE ARE VIOLATIONS OF  
4   PREVAILING WAGE BY THE CONTRACTOR THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO BE  
5   ABLE TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE, NOT JUST IN TERMS OF IT GOING  
6   TO THE STATE, BUT SEEMS TO ME THAT-- I'M UNCOMFORTABLE WITH  
7   THIS BEING A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT AND I'M ALSO UNCOMFORTABLE  
8   THAT WE WOULD HAVE ANY ENFORCEMENT OVER THESE WORKERS WHO COME  
9   FROM MONTANA BECAUSE MOST OF THEM, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO REPORT  
10  ANYTHING HERE IN CALIFORNIA IF THERE IS A VIOLATION BECAUSE  
11  THEY'RE-- FIRST OF ALL, THEY'RE ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPANY.  
12  THEY GO FROM PLACE TO PLACE, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE SOME  
13  KIND OF ASSURANCES THAT YOU HAVE-- THAT, FIRST OF ALL, THAT  
14  THIS WOULD BE SOME WAY THAT WE HAVE SOME ABILITY TO ASSURE  
15  THAT THERE ARE NO MORE VIOLATIONS AND, IF THERE ARE, THAT THE  
16  CONTRACT IS TERMINATED. BUT I DO THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
17  TO PUT IT OVER UNTIL WE COULD GET SOME BETTER UNDERSTANDING  
18  AND ASSURANCES ON IT AND ALSO A CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONTRACT  
19  IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CONTROL IT.

20

21  **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD ALSO INVITE YOU, IF YOU COULD MEET WITH  
22  MY STAFF, TO DISCUSS SOME OF THESE ISSUES. I CAN BE VERY  
23  RESPECTFUL OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AS  
24  FAR AS INTERPRETATION PROBLEMS AND THINGS OF THAT SORT BUT I  
25  AM CONCERNED WHEN, IT'S LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, I'M SURE YOU DON'T



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1 WANT ME TO HOLD UP YOUR END OF THE MONEY BECAUSE WE DON'T  
2 UNDERSTAND SOME PART OF THE CONTRACT. AND I GUESS IT'S JUST A  
3 PERSON'S INDIVIDUAL CHECK. IT'S REALLY PAINFUL WHEN THERE IS A  
4 VERY LONG-WINDED PROCESS FOR SOMEONE WHO IS RELYING ON THEIR  
5 WAGES AND SO I WOULD LIKE SOME BETTER RESPONSES THAN I'VE  
6 GOTTEN SO FAR. SO I WELCOME YOU TO MEET WITH MY STAFF IN MY  
7 OFFICE TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE ISSUES. WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT  
8 OVER BUT I DO HAVE ONE OTHER SPEAKER, ROGER MILLER, WHO WANTS  
9 TO JOIN US AND ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

10

11 **PAUL FRANZEN:** I GUESS I WOULD JUST SAY ONE THING WITH RESPECT  
12 TO THE WHOLE THING. IT WAS ON OUR FIRST COUPLE CONTRACTS. IT  
13 WAS EARLY IN THE CONTRACTS. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR INTENT TO  
14 PAY, AT A MINIMUM, THE PREVAILING WAGE REQUIRED BY THE  
15 CONTRACT AND BY THE LAW AND, IN MOST CASES OR OFTEN, WE PAY  
16 MORE THAN THAT TO ATTRACT HIGH QUALITY WORKERS AND WE WANT  
17 THEM COMPENSATED FAIRLY, CERTAINLY TO THE LEVEL REQUIRED BY  
18 THE LAW. AND, WHEN WE DO MAKE MISTAKES, WE'RE AN ORGANIZATION  
19 OF HUMANS, HUMANS MAKE MISTAKES, WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO  
20 RECTIFY IT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, REGARDLESS OF A STATE  
21 MANDATE OR A LAW REQUIRING IT. WE GO OUT OF OUR WAY TO TRY AND  
22 RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES IN FAVOR OF THE WORKERS.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE APPRECIATE THAT AND WE WANT TO BE  
25 RESPECTFUL OF THAT, AND I UNDERSTAND MISTAKES ARE MADE, BUT





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1 IT'S STILL NOT VERY COMFORTING TO ME THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS  
2 INITIALLY AND THAT'S OUR PROBLEM, NOT YOUR PROBLEM. WE'RE  
3 GOING TO CORRECT THAT, AS I UNDERSTAND FROM THIS POINT  
4 FORWARD, BUT, AT THIS TIME, I STILL NEED SOME ANSWERS TO SOME  
5 QUESTIONS AS FAR AS HOW WE MONITOR IT HERE AT OUR END AND WHAT  
6 PROCESS OR WHAT REMEDY WE PUT IN PLACE FOR OUR WORKERS. SO,  
7 HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE RESOLVED QUICKLY BUT WE'RE GOING TO  
8 PROBABLY CONTINUE IT IN ORDER TO GET SOME OF THOSE ANSWERS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW WHAT? LET ME GET ONE CLARIFYING. YOU SAY  
11 THAT THERE ARE ALL OF THESE CATEGORIES OF OPERATING ENGINEERS?  
12 WAS THIS A UNION CONTRACT AT D.W.P., IS THAT IT, BUT IT'S NOT  
13 HERE?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** NO, IT WAS NOT A...

16

17 **SUPERVISOR BURKE:** HOW DO THOSE-- ARE THESE STATE CATEGORIES?

18

19 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** YES. WHAT IT IS--

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** NOT UNION CATEGORIES, THESE ARE STATE CATEGORIES  
22 FOR ENGINEERS?

23

24 **GARY J. HARTLEY:** YES. IF YOU LOOK AT ALL THE CONSTRUCTION  
25 TRADES ON PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS, WHETHER THEY BE, YOU KNOW,



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1 STEEL WORKERS, OPERATING ENGINEERS, PIPE LAYERS, YOU NAME IT,  
2 THE THING IS THAT THE STATE HAS PREVAILING WAGES FOR ALL THESE  
3 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, WHETHER IT'S A UNION OR NON-UNION, AND  
4 THE PREVAILING WAGES ARE BASED PRIMARILY ON UNION WAGES.  
5 THAT'S HOW IT'S DETERMINED. SO THE STATE PROVIDES A LISTING OF  
6 ALL OF THE VARIOUS OPERATING ENGINEERS AND THEIR VARIOUS  
7 TRADES AND WHAT THEIR PREVAILING WAGE IS, AND THAT CHANGES  
8 CONSTANTLY, BUT ALL OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS ARE  
9 PREVAILING WAGE CONTRACTS. THEY'RE REQUIRED TO PAY THE MINIMUM  
10 OF THE PREVAILING WAGE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ARE THOSE DIFFERENT IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS YOU  
13 WORK IN? IS THAT THE PROBLEM IN TERMS OF WHEN YOU COME TO  
14 CALIFORNIA?

15

16 **PAUL FRANZEN:** THEY'RE DIFFERENT WITHIN DIFFERENT COUNTIES OR  
17 JURISDICTIONS WITHIN CALIFORNIA ITSELF. AND, LIKEWISE, YOU CAN  
18 HAVE AN OPERATING-- A PERSON WHO IS OPERATING A PIECE OF  
19 EQUIPMENT CAN FALL UNDER DIFFERENT WAGE CLASSIFICATIONS BASED  
20 ON IS HE DOING LANDSCAPE WORK OR HEAVY HIGHWAY WORK AND SO ON.  
21 SO THERE'S A VIRTUAL MATRIX REGARDING EACH EMPLOYEE AND WHAT  
22 THEY'VE DONE DURING THE COURSES OF A DAY AND WHAT PIECE OF  
23 EQUIPMENT THEY'VE OPERATED AND WHAT PARTICULAR ACTIVITY  
24 THEY'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN. AND, TO CONTINUE IT FURTHER, IN SOME  
25 CASES, SOME OF THEIR BENEFITS ARE TIED TO HAVE THEY TRAVELED



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1 TO GET TO THE JOB OR NOT? SO A PERSON WORKING UP IN THE OWENS  
2 VALLEY WHERE THE WORK WAS TAKING PLACE, PERHAPS IF THEY WERE  
3 COMING FROM THE LOS ANGELES BASIN, THEY WERE ENTITLED TO ONE  
4 LEVEL OF COMPENSATION FOR BENEFITS AND, IF THEY WERE LOCAL TO  
5 THE LONE PINE CALIFORNIA, THEY WEREN'T ENTITLED TO THE SAME  
6 TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES. SO NOW YOU RUN INTO HOW DO  
7 YOU MONITOR WHERE SOMEBODY IS FROM? WHEN THEY APPLY FOR A JOB,  
8 PERHAPS THEY'VE LISTED A LOCAL POST OFFICE BOX WHEN THEY'RE  
9 FROM OUT OF THE COUNTY OR SO ON. SO THERE'S...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT EACH PERSON, THE ONLY WAY WE KNOW THIS IS IF  
12 THAT PERSON ACTUALLY GOES AS FAR AS TO FILE A STATE COMPLAINT,  
13 IS THAT IT?

14

15 **PAUL FRANZEN:** NO. THERE'S MONITORING AGENCIES THAT LOOK AT IT.  
16 FOR INSTANCE, THE L.A. D.W.P. HAS AN ENTIRE DEPARTMENT THAT  
17 WILL LOOK AT IT AND SAY, IS THAT CONTRACTOR, YOU KNOW, WE'RE  
18 REQUIRED, ON A WEEKLY BASIS, TO TURN IN WHAT THEY CALL A  
19 CERTIFIED PAYROLL FOR ALL OUR EMPLOYEES ON THE PROJECT THAT  
20 SAYS, THIS IS THE WAGE CLASSIFICATIONS PUT OUT BY THE STATE,  
21 THIS IS HOW MANY HOURS THE PERSON WORKED, THIS IS WHAT WE PAID  
22 THEM. THEY'LL THEN DO SURVEYS AND PERHAPS I'VE EVEN SEEN THEM  
23 WHERE THEY HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE COME OUT TO THE FIELD AND  
24 THEY'LL TALK TO THE PERSON THAT MIGHT BE OPERATING A PIECE OF  
25 EQUIPMENT AND SAY, YOU KNOW, HOW LARGE IS THIS PIECE OF



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1 EQUIPMENT, HOW MANY HOURS DID YOU WORK LAST TUESDAY, AND  
2 VERIFY IT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** DO WE HAVE THAT?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE DO, YES. WE HAVE EMPLOYEES THAT GO OUT AND  
7 INTERVIEW THE PEOPLE ON THE JOBS, PLUS WE REQUIRE CERTIFIED  
8 PAYROLLS, AND THAT'S REALLY THE BEST WAY, IS TO LOOK AT THE  
9 EXACT PAYROLLS THAT THAT COMPANY IS PAYING AND MAKE SURE THAT  
10 THEY'RE PAYING THE RIGHT CLASSIFICATIONS, AND THAT'S A ROUTINE  
11 PROCEDURE THAT WE FOLLOW ON OUR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. AND  
12 THAT'S HOW WE DETERMINE IF THERE MAY BE SOME VIOLATIONS THAT  
13 WE THEN TURN OVER TO THE STATE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** SO IT'S GOING TO BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONE WEEK, BUT MR. MILLER WANTS TO ADDRESS US  
18 FIRST. SIR?

19

20 **ROGER MILLER:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

23

24 **ROGER MILLER:** MY NAME IS ROGER MILLER. I RETIRED FROM THE  
25 STATE DEPARTMENT INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AS ASSISTANT CHIEF. I



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1 WAS IN CHARGE OF FIELD ENFORCEMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS,  
2 SO I UNDERSTAND THE PROCEDURES THE STATE GOES THROUGH AND FOR  
3 HIM TO TELL YOU IT'S GOING TO TAKE TWO MONTHS, I CAN TELL YOU  
4 NO. FOR A STANDARD INVESTIGATION, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT NINE  
5 MONTHS TO A YEAR BEFORE THE STATE CAN TAKE ACTION, GET IT  
6 RESOLVED. IT'S NOT A SIMPLE PROCESS. SO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A  
7 LONG PERIOD OF TIME. WHEN I RETIRED FROM THE STATE, I DID GO  
8 TO WORK WITH THE OPERATING ENGINEERS AND ONE OF THE PROJECTS I  
9 WAS ASSIGNED WAS THE OWENS LAKE. AT THE TIME THIS ISSUE CAME  
10 UP, THERE WAS SOME REQUEST AT THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL  
11 RELATIONS FOR CLARIFICATION ON CLASSIFICATIONS. THOSE WERE  
12 SENT BACK TO THE CONTRACTOR SAYING IT WAS NOT A LANDSCAPE  
13 OPERATION, IT WAS A GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OPERATION IN OWENS  
14 LAKE. THEY WERE CONTENDING THAT PLANTING SALTGRASS IN OWENS  
15 LAKE TO MITIGATE THE DUST WAS A LANDSCAPE OPERATION.  
16 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SAID NO, FOR OPERATING  
17 ENGINEERS, YOU HAVE THIS CLASSIFICATION. SO IT WAS CLEARLY  
18 SPELLED OUT, UP FRONT, TO THEM AS TO THE CLASSIFICATIONS THAT  
19 SHOULD HAVE BEEN USED. THEY CHOSE TO USE THE LANDSCAPE  
20 OPERATING ENGINEER CLASSIFICATION. SO THIS IS STILL BEING  
21 LITIGATED. SO I'D BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR OTHER  
22 QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS. I KNOW DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER  
23 WENT IN AND THEY DID ASSESS WAGES AND PENALTIES. THE STATE  
24 WILL MITIGATE PENALTIES IN ORDER TO RESOLVE CASES. SO TO  
25 ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, YES, 200 AND SOME THOUSAND WAS A



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1 LEGITIMATE ASSESSMENT FOR PENALTIES AND WAGES. IN ORDER TO  
2 RESOLVE IT, THE STATE WILL MITIGATE IT. IT LETS THE  
3 CONTRACTOR, FOR THEM TO SAY. SO, YOU KNOW, THAT'S KIND OF THE  
4 PROCEDURE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. IF THERE ARE NO OTHER  
7 QUESTIONS, WE'LL GOING TO PUT OVER THIS ITEM FOR A WEEK. I  
8 WOULD RECOMMEND THAT AT LEAST MY STAFF WOULD LIKE TO ASK MORE  
9 QUESTIONS ON SOME OF THIS ISSUE AND GET A BETTER CLARIFICATION  
10 AS TO HOW WE CAN BRING MORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THIS ISSUE.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** SURE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, THAT ITEM WILL BE  
15 CONTINUED. NEXT, ON ITEM NUMBER 19, MS. CLAVREUL IS GOING TO  
16 ADDRESS US ON THAT ITEM.

17

18 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD  
19 OF SUPERVISORS. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU TO SEND  
20 ITEM 19 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT YOU ARE LOOKING MORE  
21 IN DETAIL OF THAT CONTRACT AND I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU DO NOT  
22 APPROVE IT. SINCE WE-- THAT ITEM DEAL WITH M.L.K., I AM VERY  
23 CONCERNED ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN M.L.K.. I'M NOT SEEING A LOT  
24 OF PROGRESS BEING MADE. I KNOW YOU ARE THE CAMDEN GROUP, SOLE  
25 VENDOR OF CONTRACT, WHICH OF COURSE I OBJECTED. IT IS OBVIOUS





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1 TO ME THAT THEY ARE NOT DOING A GOOD JOB AND I DON'T HAVE TO  
2 BE IN A HOSPITAL TO KNOW THAT. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE NURSING  
3 TEAM AT M.L.K. IS NOT PERFORMING. FOR A NURSE TO GIVE-- FOR  
4 NURSES TO GIVE FOR FOUR, YOU KNOW, FOUR DAY IN A ROW, THE  
5 WRONG MEDICATION TO THE WRONG PATIENT, A PATIENT RECEIVING A  
6 DRUG FOR CANCER WHEN HE HAD MENINGITIS, WHERE WAS THIS  
7 THINKING? I MEAN, SOMETHING IS GOING ON IN THAT HOSPITAL. AND,  
8 OBVIOUSLY, THE TEAM YOU HAVE SENT TO FIX THE PROBLEM IS NOT  
9 DOING WELL. I HAVE GIVEN YOU A COPY OF THE LETTER BECAUSE I  
10 THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE EASY TO PUT IT IN DETAIL WHAT I  
11 THOUGHT WAS GOING ON AT M.L.K.. I WILL STRONGLY ADVISE THAT  
12 YOU DEVELOP A TEAM OF INTERESTED PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO DO  
13 THE JOB FOR FREE OR AT LEAST TO BE IMPARTIAL. I THINK WHAT'S  
14 GOING ON IS APPALLING. I THINK YOU SHOULD ASSIGN AN OMBUDSMAN  
15 TO WORK WITH THE PROBLEM. I THINK WHAT'S GOING ON, LIKE I  
16 SAID, IS PATHETIC, AND IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE NURSING AT  
17 M.L.K., AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE MEDICAL THINGS BECAUSE  
18 I, YOU KNOW, I DON'T HAVE SUCH AN INSIGHT, BUT I'M AN EXPERT  
19 IN NURSING PRACTICE, AND WHAT'S GOING ON IS SOMETHING VERY,  
20 VERY DEADLY WRONG AND IT'S DEADLY BECAUSE THE PATIENTS ARE  
21 DYING AND I'M SURE SOME ARE DYING WE DON'T KNOW. THANK YOU FOR  
22 YOUR ATTENTION.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM,  
25 ITEM NUMBER 19, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY



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1 SUPERVISOR BURKE. THIS IS THE ONE THAT'S BEING REFERRED BACK?  
2 OH, OKAY. I DIDN'T HAVE THAT ON HERE. EXCUSE ME. IT'S BEEN  
3 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** IT IS SOURCE OF HABIT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NUMBER 51, THERE'S  
8 BEEN A REQUEST. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WOULD REQUEST THAT THAT  
9 PARTICULAR ITEM, WHICH WAS OUR SEPARATE ITEM, BE CONTINUED FOR  
10 TWO WEEKS. WHICH-- IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL OF OUR ITEMS  
11 ARE COMPLETE. WE HAVE ADJOURNMENTS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED  
12 AND--

13

14 **DAVID JANSSEN, C.A.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE  
15 S-1 FOR TWO WEEKS AS WELL.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE SPECIAL REPORT? THE REPORT AS WELL?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES. IT WAS REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

20

21 **SUPERVISOR MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS REQUESTED  
22 S-1 BE CONTINUED. SO ORDERED ON THAT CONTINUANCE. MS. BURKE,  
23 I'D LIKE TO CALL ON YOU FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

24



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1    **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
2    MEMORY OF CARL ANDERSON, WHO PLAYED IN THE LANDMARK MUSICAL  
3    JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR. HE PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY AT CEDARS-  
4    SINAI MEDICAL HOSPITAL, AND THAT WAS A WEEK AGO MONDAY, AFTER  
5    A SEVEN MONTH BATTLE WITH LEUKEMIA AT THE AGE OF 58. HE WAS  
6    JUST A VERY OUTSTANDING VOCALIST AND MUSICIAN, A RESIDENT OF  
7    THE SECOND DISTRICT. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, VERONICA, A  
8    SON, KALIL MAGEE ANDERSON, AND TWO STEPDAUGHTERS, LAILA AND--  
9    I CAN'T REMEMBER THE OTHER DAUGHTER'S NAME, BUT TWO  
10   STEPDAUGHTERS, ONE OF WHOM IS CERTAINLY A VERY FAMOUS FEMALE  
11   BOXER. LAURENCE CREARY, THE BELOVED SON OF DRS. LUDLOW AND  
12   RUTH CRARY, WHO PASSED AWAY IN A TRAGIC ACCIDENT LAST WEEK.  
13   LEATRICE PRIDE, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT,  
14   AND LOYAL AND DEDICATED WORKER, MEMBER AND PAST NATIONAL  
15   OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF A HUNDRED BLACK WOMEN.  
16   ELLA M. JACKSON WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND  
17   DISTRICT, BELOVED SISTER OF RUTH JERNIGAN, WHO IS A  
18   COMMISSIONER, WOMEN'S COMMISSIONER. AND SHE WAS THE CHAIR LAST  
19   YEAR OF THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION. ELLA M. JACKSON, A LONG-TIME  
20   RESIDENT-- I'M SORRY. LEROY V. HENDERSON, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT  
21   OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 26 AT THE  
22   AGE OF 98, AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SON, LEROY D. HENDERSON.  
23   GUSS REYNOLDS, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT,  
24   WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 23RD AFTER A LENGTHY ILLNESS. GUSS  
25   WAS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTS



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1 UNION AND LEFT HIS MARK ON MANY BUILDINGS IN AND AROUND LOS  
2 ANGELES THROUGH HIS WORK AS A BRICK MASON. HE WAS ALSO A U.S.  
3 ARMY VETERAN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS NEPHEW AND NIECE, ARTHUR L.  
4 AND VIRGINIA COTTRELL THOMAS. AND DORIS E. PHILLIPS, A LONG-  
5 TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, MEMBER OF THE  
6 WILLOWBROOK SENIORS CENTER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER LOVING  
7 HUSBAND OF 48 YEARS, LEADIE PHILLIPS. VELMA WOODS, A LONG-TIME  
8 RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 26TH. SHE'S SURVIVED BY  
9 HER DAUGHTER, SANDRA MACBETH REYNOLDS, AND HER SON, LEONARD  
10 WOODS. AND CONSUELO ANDRADE, AND I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO DO  
11 THAT ONE. YES. I'LL JOIN YOU IN THAT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. ALL RIGHT. ORDERED ON ALL OF THOSE  
14 ADJOURNMENTS. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, I DO. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
17 OF DANIEL J. BOORSTIN, DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AND PULITZER  
18 PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN, FORMER LIBRARIAN OF  
19 CONGRESS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. ROSE WEINER, LONG-  
20 TIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT AND OF MY OLD COUNCIL  
21 DISTRICT WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO  
22 SONS, SANDY AND WILBERT WEINER, THREE GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE  
23 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. HAROLD MAZUR, DR. HAROLD MAZUR, FORMER  
24 MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER AND ASSOCIATE  
25 DEAN FOR USC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DIED RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF



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1 91. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, REBA, AND HIS SON, MORRIE, AND  
2 TWO GRANDCHILDREN. JEROME LAURENCE, PLAYWRIGHT AND CO-AUTHOR  
3 OF INHERIT THE WIND, AUNTIE MAME, AND MANY OTHER STAGE AND  
4 SCREEN ADAPTATIONS WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. HE'S  
5 SURVIVED BY HIS COMPANION, WILL WILLOUGHBY, TWO NIECES,  
6 DEBORAH AND PAULA ROBISON AND NEPHEW, JOSHUA ROBISON. FINALLY,  
7 SALLY MIRANDA FISKE, A PIONEERING LESBIAN JOURNALIST AND  
8 COMMUNITY LEADER IN LOS ANGELES AND WEST HOLLYWOOD, WELL  
9 KNOWN, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. SHE'S SURVIVED  
10 BY HER DAUGHTER DEBORAH, GRANDDAUGHTER, SALLIE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD. SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. THIS  
13 IS A JOINT ADJOURNMENT BY MYSELF AND MS. BURKE. WE'RE ASKING  
14 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CONSUELO ANDRADE, WHO PASSED  
15 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100. MS. ANDRADE RESIDED IN THE PICO UNION  
16 AREA IN THE 1920S AND THE 1930S. DURING THAT ERA, SHE WORKED  
17 AS A NURSING ASSISTANT FOR THEN THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RED CAR  
18 RAILWAY DISTRICT. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER  
19 FAMILY. IN ADDITION, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
20 MEMORY OF ROSIE PENA, WHO PASSED AWAY. ROSIE IS THE WIFE OF  
21 PEPE PENJA, A DEAR FRIEND OF OUR OFFICE AND WE WANT TO EXTEND  
22 OUR CONDOLENCES TO PEPE AND HIS FAMILY. ON PUBLIC COMMENT, WE  
23 HAVE TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US. FIRST OF ALL,  
24 MICHAEL R. BAUER, IF HE WOULD JOIN US, AND TRENNIA JONES. MR.  
25 BAUER, PLEASE PROCEED.



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2 **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** YES. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO KNOW, YOU,  
3 GLORIA MOLINA, WHAT KIND OF POSITION YOU HAVE ON THIS COUNTY  
4 BOARD?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAKE YOUR COMMENTS, SIR. YOU CAN MEET WITH MY  
7 STAFF TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS. YOU'D BE HAPPY TO GET THEM.

8

9 **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** ACTUALLY, IT'S BEING RECORDED FOR THE  
10 RECORD.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME THAT IT'S BEING RECORDED,  
13 SIR. SAME ANSWER.

14

15 **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** ALL RIGHT. YVONNE BURKE, I'D LIKE TO KNOW  
16 WHAT YOUR KIND OF POSITION IS AND WHAT KIND OF AUTHORITY YOU  
17 HAVE HERE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** I BELIEVE THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WE'RE...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. BAUER...

22

23 **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** YES. THIS IS REGARDING A LAWSUIT THAT I  
24 TRIED TO FILE AGAINST LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S SERVICES. YOU  
25 GUYS ARE STILL LETTING THE INCIDENT HAPPEN. I WARNED YOU GUYS





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1 LAST WEEK TO GIVE ME AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT THIS WEEK! WHERE  
2 IS IT?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. BAUER, IF YOU HAVE ANY REQUESTS TO MAKE OF  
5 OUR OFFICE, YOU CAN DO IT IN WRITING TO OUR OFFICE, IF THERE  
6 IS A REQUEST. IF IT IS A LEGAL...

7

8 **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, LET ME ASK YOU ONE...

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF IT IS A LEGAL MATTER, SIR, YOU CAN DO IT  
11 THROUGH THE COURTS.

12

13 **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** IT MAY BE A LEGAL MATTER BUT YOU GUYS ARE  
14 LETTING THIS HAPPEN. AND I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GO OVER TO  
15 SOMEBODY WHO HAS A KID IN APPELLATE COURT AND TRY TO TALK OVER  
16 SOMEBODY WHO IS ALSO IN PRO PER WHICH MEANS I'M REPRESENTING  
17 MYSELF. I JUST HAD THIS CLAIM JUST FILLED OUT TODAY. THE LADY  
18 THAT WAS HERE EARLIER TALKING ABOUT THE GAY STUFF? HOW YOU'RE  
19 LETTING PEOPLE GET MARRIED WHO ARE GAY? SHE SIGNED IT BECAUSE  
20 SHE KNOWS ABOUT CHILDREN'S SERVICES, TOO. THIS WEEK, I'M GOING  
21 TO GET A WHOLE BUNCH OF PETITIONS FROM CHILDREN'S COURT TO  
22 HELP ME WITH THIS LAWSUIT. I'M ALSO GOING TO CONTACT MY  
23 APPELLATE ATTORNEY ABOUT THIS AND I'M ALSO GOING TO LET YOU  
24 KNOW I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO HER ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION. SHE  
25 SAID SHE'S GOING TO LOOK INTO IT. SO IF YOU WANT TO LET THIS



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1 KEEP ON HAPPENING, MAYBE I SHOULD LET THE GOVERNOR KNOW. MAYBE  
2 I SHOULD LET THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION KNOW. MAYBE I  
3 SHOULD LET THE F.B.I. KNOW, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL  
4 SERVICES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, OR EVEN THE PRESIDENT. NOW, IF  
5 YOU'RE GOING EVEN KEEP THIS UP, YOU MAY THINK I'M CRAZY  
6 BECAUSE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING. I HAD  
7 MY OWN SELF KICKED OUT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. I HAVE NOT  
8 SEEN A PSYCHIATRIST OR A COUNSELOR IN TWO YEARS. I'M COMPETENT  
9 ENOUGH TO BRING A LAWSUIT UP BY MYSELF. I'VE ALREADY FILED  
10 THIS CASE ACCORDING TO SECTION RULE 212 OF THE CALIFORNIA  
11 RULES OF COURT. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LISTEN. THEY DIDN'T WANT  
12 TO MEET AND CONFER ABOUT THIS. SO I WAS FORCED TO DISMISS THE  
13 CASE. AUGUST 27TH, 2003, IT'S PENDING A RE-FILING. HERE IS THE  
14 PAPERWORK PROVING IT. NOW, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE MORE  
15 WARNING, AND THIS IS GOING TO BE THE LAST WARNING. I'VE GOT  
16 ANOTHER COMPLAINT BACK OVER THERE. YOU'VE GOT UNTIL NEXT  
17 TUESDAY TO GIVE ME AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT ON CHILDREN  
18 SERVICES OR I'LL DO WHAT I SAID LAST WEEK, I WILL ADD ALL YOU  
19 BOARD MEMBERS INTO THIS CASE. AND SINCE I'M PRO PER, I ALSO  
20 LIKE TO MENTION SOMETHING. SHE ALREADY TOLD ME TO BRING THIS  
21 UP. THERE'S GOING TO BE PENDING LITIGATION NEXT WEEK. I WANT  
22 TO BRING THAT UP. I AM WARNING YOU GUYS NOT TO MESS AROUND  
23 WITH COUNTY CODES OR FEDERAL CODES OR STATE CODES, BECAUSE  
24 THEY'LL REVERSE RIGHT BACK ON YOU. YOU GOT ONE WEEK.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MR. BAUER, JUST SO THAT YOU KNOW,  
2   THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY RESPONSES TO ANY OF YOUR REQUESTS  
3   UNTIL YOU PUT THEM IN WRITING TO US.

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5   **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** HOW ABOUT IF I ALREADY HAVE?!! HOW ABOUT IF  
6   I JUST TELL YOU I HAVE?!! YOU SENT IT TO THE DEPARTMENT, NOT  
7   TO WHERE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HANDLE IT!! YES! I FILED ONE OF  
8   THESE LAST YEAR! NOT JUST ONE, BUT ABOUT THREE! YOU SENT IT TO  
9   CHILDREN'S SERVICES!

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11   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN IT'LL GO THROUGH THE PRESSES. THANK YOU.  
12   I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU A HEADS UP. THANK YOU, MR. BAUER.

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14   **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** I ALREADY KNOW WHAT TO DO! YOU GOT ONE WEEK  
15   NOW!

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17   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. BAUER. MISS JONES?

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19   **MICHAEL R. BAUER:** YOU THINK I'M PLAYING, I'M NOT!!

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21   **TRENNA JONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS TRENNA  
22   KATRELLE JONES. I HAVE MY LETTER BEING PASSED OUT THAT I WROTE  
23   TO YOU ALL, AND I WILL TRY AND GET THROUGH THE MOST IMPORTANT  
24   ASPECTS OF THE LETTER TODAY. I WANT TO FIRST EXPRESS THAT  
25   MOLINA, BURKE, AND ANTONOVICH, I HAVE CONTACTED ALL OF YOUR



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1 OFFICES IN THE LAST-- BASICALLY SINCE JULY AND HAVE RECEIVED  
2 ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSE AT ALL. I AM A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WHO  
3 IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
4 FAMILY SERVICES. (VOICE WAVERING - CRYING) AND DUE TO  
5 CURRENTLY BEING OUT ON A PENDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE  
6 BASED ON RETALIATORY ACTIONS BY STAFF AT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, MYSELF AND MY SEVEN-YEAR-OLD  
8 DAUGHTER ARE NOW HOMELESS. WE HAVE BEEN HOMELESS FOR SOME  
9 TIME. I HAVE USED UP ALL OF MY TIME THAT I HAD ON THE BOOKS  
10 THAT I HAVE ACCUMULATED OVER THE NINE YEARS THAT I'VE WORKED  
11 WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF INCOME. I  
12 HAVE CONTACTED EVERY AGENCY. I HAVE EVEN WENT AS FAR AS TRYING  
13 TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE DIRECTOR, DR. DAVID SANDERS,  
14 REGARDING THESE INCIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN OCCURRING TO ME SINCE  
15 MAY OF LAST YEAR AND I HAVE YET TO RECEIVE ANY KIND OF  
16 RESPONSES. I HAVE TRIED TO GET INTO EVERY TYPE OF HOUSING  
17 PROGRAM AND, UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF THE FACT I AM  
18 CONSIDERED AN EMPLOYED PERSON, I DO NOT QUALIFY FOR ANY  
19 HOUSING PROGRAM, ANY TYPE OF INCOME ASSISTANCE. I DO THANK MS.  
20 BURKE'S OFFICE FOR AT LEAST BEING ABLE TO ASSIST ME WITH MOTEL  
21 VOUCHERS FOR SOME TIME BUT ALL OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE BEEN  
22 ABLE TO GET HAVE ALL RAN OUT FROM ME. AND I AM TRYING TO  
23 PREVENT MY DAUGHTER FROM BEING A PRODUCT OF THE SYSTEM, AS I  
24 WAS FOR SIX YEARS OF MY LIFE AND THEN COMING TO WORK FOR THE  
25 DEPARTMENT FOR NINE YEARS AND BEING RETALIATED AGAINST TO THE



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1 POINT THAT I AM THE ONE THAT'S GOING FURTHER AND FURTHER,  
2 LOSING. I, AGAIN, TODAY FEEL AS THOUGH I AM THE FOSTER CHILD  
3 THAT HAS NO ONE AND HAS NO RIGHTS AND HAS NO CONSIDERATION.  
4 AND FOR MY OWN DEPARTMENT THAT I HAVE PUT GOOD EXEMPLARY WORK  
5 IN FOR NINE YEARS TO STILL NOT HELP ME IS UNBELIEVABLE. I  
6 WOULD ASK THAT YOU WOULD PLEASE TAKE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION --  
7 GIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO MY CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS LETTER IS  
8 VERY, VERY BRIEF. I HAVE DOCUMENTATION OF ALL-- OF EVERYTHING  
9 THAT I HAVE DONE AND EVERYTHING I HAVE TRIED TO DO TO PREVENT  
10 ME FROM HAVING TO MISS OUT ON WORK, MISS OUT ON A PLACE TO  
11 LIVE AND BEING ABLE TO ACTUALLY RAISE MY DAUGHTER IN THE WAY  
12 THAT I KNOW IS RIGHT. UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS NOT ABLE TO HAVE  
13 THAT IN MY OWN CHILDHOOD BEING THAT, AGAIN, I AM A PRODUCT OF  
14 THIS SYSTEM. AND I JUST ASK THAT SOMEONE WILL ACTUALLY REALLY  
15 HELP ME, REALLY HEAR ME, NOT JUST TAKE MY LETTERS, NOT JUST  
16 TAKE WHAT I'M SAYING, BUT UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ON THE  
17 CONTINUAL LOSING END AND THAT YOU ALL WILL DO SOMETHING TO GET  
18 ME SOME HELP WHILE I KEEP BEING TOLD TO WAIT BECAUSE  
19 EVERYTHING TAKES TIME. ME AND MY DAUGHTER ARE THE ONES THAT  
20 ARE LOSING AND I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY DAUGHTER. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS JONES.

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WOULD SOMEONE ASSIST HER WITH-- MAYBE  
25 SHE IS ABLE TO GET SOME DISABILITY, FILING FOR A DISABILITY?



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2 **TRENNA JONES:** THERE'S A PENDING WORKERS' COMP CASE NOW.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I BELIEVE THAT DR. SANDERS IS LOOKING INTO  
5 THIS PERSONALLY. THAT'S THE INFORMATION I HAVE FROM MY STAFF.  
6 IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT? ALL RIGHT.  
7 SO...

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE INFORMATION I RECEIVED AS WELL.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK...

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** SHE'S GETTING WORKER'S, SHE'S ON WORKERS' COMP?

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15 **TRENNA JONES:** I HAVEN'T STARTED RECEIVING IT. AND THAT WHOLE  
16 THING ABOUT THE DR. SANDERS THING, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, I  
17 MET WITH HIM TODAY ONLY AT HIS-- YOU KNOW, BECAUSE HE JUST  
18 HAPPENED TO BE HERE WHEN I'M HERE TODAY, BUT I HAVE BEEN  
19 REQUESTING TO MEET WITH HIM SINCE JULY OF LAST YEAR BEFORE I  
20 ENDED UP GOING OUT ON WORKER'S COMP DUE TO A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN  
21 THAT I SUFFERED OCTOBER 2ND. AND NOW I AM LIKE THE FOSTER  
22 CHILD I WAS BACK THEN, HIGHLY MEDICATED AND NOW I HAVE A CHILD  
23 TO TAG ALONG WITH ME AS WELL, AND MY DAUGHTER-- RIGHT NOW, I'M  
24 GOING TO LOSE MY MEDICAL BENEFITS AND MY DAUGHTER SUFFERS FROM  
25 ASTHMA AND BRONCHITIS AND IS NOW HAVING TO SEE A COUNSELOR AT





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1 HER SCHOOL BECAUSE ALL OF THIS STUFF HAS AFFECTED HER AND I  
2 HAVE DONE ALL THAT I CAN TO MAKE IT WORK.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MISS JONES, WE WILL REFER YOU TO SOME ADDITIONAL  
5 SERVICES, IF WE CAN.

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7 **TRENNA JONES:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THERE ARE NO OTHER ITEMS TO  
10 COME BEFORE US. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL OF THE ITEMS IN  
11 CLOSED SESSION WILL BE CONTINUED FOR A WEEK. SO, IF THERE'S NO  
12 OBJECTION, WE ARE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU.

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